

Newmarket Scrapbook 1897 to 1990  
Facts, Features and (occasional) Fallacies  
reported in Cambridge Newspapers  
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1897 02 24

Newmarket pigeon shooting, p3

1897 03 08

Newmarket fire brigade, p3

1897 03 26

P.C. Booty of the Cambs Police has been compelled to retire from the force owing to weak health, a misfortune which is made heavier by the fact that he was within two months of being entitled to a pension. He has been stationed in the Newmarket district some years, formerly at Chippenham and then at Newmarket. In both places he has taken a great interest in gardening matters. He leaves to enter upon occupation of the Fountain Hotel, Cambridge

April

1897 04 07

Newmarket broken back, p3

1897 04 09

Newmarket gas appliances, p2

1897 04 27 c

The Newmarket Gas Company have been holding an interesting exhibition of gas appliances, both for cooking and lighting, including ranges of various patterns and sizes, an Otto gas engine, and the latest patents in chandeliers, brackets, burners, globes and shades, and other methods of improving the light given by gas. The variety and adaptability of the ranges and kindred appliances shown convey the impression that gas will be the chief cooking agent in the near future. The ranges shown may be bought or hired from the Newmarket Gas Co.

1897 05 06

Newmarket collision, p3

1897 05 24

An incident that is probably unparalleled in Poor Law annals has just occurred at Newmarket. The master of the workhouse has for several years been collecting funds to build a church for the inmates and has simultaneously been studying for Holy Orders in order to be himself qualified to act as incumbent. He has succeeded in both these objects. The spirit of emulation is strong among workhouse managers and once they begin to enter the ranks of the church nobody knows where they will stop

1897 09 08

Newmarket court – spittoon, p3 \*

1897 09 11

Newmarket man saved by trousers, p3

1897 09 17 c

Messrs Griffiths and Chennell, Newmarket are favoured with instructions to offer for sale by auction all that valuable freehold estate known as Newmarket Mills, at which a lucrative business has been carried on for many years. The powerful tower windmill, advantageously situated on a commanding site with the goodwill of the business as a going concern

1897 10 20

Theft mackintosh, Newmarket, p3

1897 11 17

An action was brought by Albert Golding, the tenant of certain property in High Street, Newmarket, to restrain alleged interference with their ancient light by William Reilly & co. Defendants had acquired the Old Greyhound Inn in 1896 and pulled it down, and in building a fine hotel in its place they had obstructed the light to the plaintiff's window. James Cross, a draper's porter, said he knew of the obstruction of light to one window by the fact that he could no longer look out of it and see his uncle. (Laughter). Before the new buildings were erected he could do so. A number of young milliners spoke of the interference with the light to their workrooms since the erection of the new hotel

1897 12 06

A testimonial was presented to Mr W.B. Taylor, chief clerk at Newmarket Post Office, who is retiring. Mr Taylor became a telegraph learner under the old Electric Telegraph Company at Ely, and in 1855 was transferred to King's Lynn, where he remained in charge of the telegraph office until 1868. In that year he was appointed to Newmarket where for a considerable period he was the only telegraph operator in the town. When in 1870 the Government took over the telegraph service he was appointed chief clerk. The telegraphic work at Newmarket has increased enormously. On days upon which important races are run several thousand messages are despatched and received and other weeks sometimes as many as 2,500 messages are handled in a day.

1897 12 09

Newmarket ancient lights, p3

1897 12 28

The festive season was, as usual, made as bright as possible for the inmates of the Newmarket Workhouse. The regulation meals were replaced for the day by an abundance of seasonable fare. During the morning there was a distribution of gifts, including tobacco and snuff for the old folks, packets of tea with 3d. pieces, and sugar for the women, apples, oranges and sweets for the children. The inmates were granted freedom for social intercourse and in the afternoon the Master's organette was brought into requisition for their amusement

1898 01 05

Perhaps outside London there is hardly a place in England where prompt attendance at fires, constant vigilance and capable supervision are so urgently required as at Newmarket. In the Jockey Club and Trainers' Fire Brigade all these qualifications are obtained. The appliances are in a most efficient state, and the entire organisation a most admirable one. The Brigade is supported entirely by the subscriptions of trainers and other individuals at Newmarket interested in the protection from fire of valuable horses, training stables and other property

1898 01 25

A few minutes after four o'clock on Friday afternoon a trolley belonging to Mr E. Beales, carter to the Great Eastern Railway, was being driven along the Fordham Road, Newmarket, when the animal bolted, apparently without cause. The efforts of the driver to check the animal were futile and when near the Jubilee Clock Tower the horse got one of its legs over the shaft of the trolley. The trolley collided with the stone steps of the Tower, and ran between two of the buttresses and a lamp-post, where it became wedged, but no damage was done. The affair created considerable sensation in the High Street as it appeared a serious accident was imminent

1898 01 26

The Surveyor of Newmarket Urban District Council called attention to the fact that an old horse, belonging to the Council, was incapacitated for work, owing to a tumour having formed on its shoulder, he asked for instructions as to what should be done with the animal. Mr Cattrall said if the tumour were removed it would be several months before it would be fit to work again. He moved that the animal be shot as it would not be worth their while to keep it. Mr Westrope said the horse might

be able to do light work on a farm. He thought they might sell the animal for a few pounds. It was agreed to examine the horse and decide what should be done with it

1898 01 28

Newmarket court – fog, p3 \*

1898 03 08

Newmarket petition GER, p3 \*

1898 03 09

Newmarket proposed railway, p3 \*

1898 03 31

Mr William Howlett, of Newmarket, has recently recorded the capture of several pole cats (an animal asserted to be almost extinct) in the fen district. No doubt the fens are the last stronghold of this animal. He says they exist largely upon eels and frogs in the “dykes”, but when these are sealed by frost, they go up to the farmsteads, and cause great loss among the poultry.

1898 04 0--

Newmarket cycle club spent a very enjoyable evening at the Crown Hotel, at their annual dinner. Mr Aldridge said the club had been very successful in the past, and he hoped it would have a more successful future. He expressed the hope that some of the younger members would take up racing. It was of no use arranging club runs if the members did not turn out to take part of them. The opening run of the season would be to Clayhithe and he hoped to see a good muster. They now had five ladies in the club, and he should like to see the number increased to 50. At Clayhithe a club house would be open for the use of the members during the season

1898 04 09

Dr D Owen Mead said he had been Medical Officer of Health for the Newmarket Urban District Council for 12 years, and that during that time the drainage had been faulty. There had been frequent complaints made, and illness had been caused in the town by the defective drainage. The present main drain from Wellington Street to the sewage farm gave a great deal of trouble and the sewers along Lower Station Road were faulty. The population had increased considerably near the sewage farm, and complaints had been made with regard to the “aroma” arising therefrom. A voice: “Just a little bit sniffy (laughter)

1898 04 20

Newmarket electric lighting, p3 \*

1898 04 25

The third meeting of the Eastern District Tactical Society was held at Newmarket and orders issued for an exercise in the open country. The general idea was that a Western army was advancing from Cambridge with the object of driving an Eastern army out of Bury St Edmunds. This gave commanders of regiments some useful experience in the organisation of columns of march, some of the troops being supposed to be located at Cambridge, and others around Newmarket. On Thursday the central position was Cheveley, and the outpost were formed along the line, Limekilns, Cheveley and Kirtling. The members of the Society were engaged in working out the dispositions, and the exercises concluded with some general remarks on the action supposed to follow

1898 04 26

Newmarket sewage, p3

1898 05 18

Proceedings were certainly lively at a large meeting of the electors of Exning convened by the Newmarket Urban District Council on the question of obtaining a Charter of incorporation for

Newmarket urban district, which includes the village of Exning. The chairman explained that the subject for consideration was whether the Newmarket districts should or should not be made a borough. Mr Westhorpe sketched the advantages which would result. Mr Cattrall said the town was in a state of a bankruptcy

1898 05 26

Newmarket sale, p2

1898 06 10

It will be with sincere regret that the inhabitants of the Newmarket and Mildenhall districts will learn of the impending retirement from the West Suffolk police force of Superintendent Samuel Garnham Reeve. During the whole of his career he has been a highly respected and popular officer and has been connected with the force no fewer than 46 years, 15 of which have been spent as superintendent of the Mildenhall Division. His resignation is on account of acute deafness, brought about by rough usage, which he has received at various times in the execution of his duty. He started his career as a police constable in June 1852 and is the oldest police officer in service in the county of Suffolk

1898 06 29

Newmarket railway, p3 \*

1898 07 09

Newmarket accident, p3

1898 07 30

Considerable diversion was created at the Newmarket Conservative Club by the appearance of a monkey in the billiard room, the animal having wandered from a circus staying in the town. The members at once suitably greeted the newcomer, one gentleman facetiously enquiring who proposed the newcomer as a member. A keeper arrived a minute later and bore away the Tory ape in his arms. Mr McCalmont's seat in the House does not yet need such supporters

1898 08 06

Newmarket trap accident, p3

1898 09 22

Newmarket draining into Burwell Fen commission, p3

1898 09 29

Newmarket new hotel, p3 \*

1898 10 18

We have to record the death of Mr John Francis Clark, the celebrated racing judge at Newmarket. He had for 40 years filled the office of judge at Newmarket, Epsom, and most of the great racing fixtures in the southern circuit. It was notorious that he never made a bet, that he entertained the greatest aversion to "plungers" and that in his latter years he looked on with amazement as he saw houses built and gardens laid out by trainers and jockeys at Newmarket who seemed to him to be of a different breed from their humble predecessors remembered by him in his youth

1898 12 15

A large number of buyers, graziers, farmers and visitors assembled at the Newmarket cattle market on the occasion of Mr George Blencowe's annual Christmas sale. During the morning all the roads presented a busy scene and as time drew near to the commencement of the sale the place became congested with latecomers, all anxious to unload in time. A preliminary look round the various stalls and pens showed 90 oxen and 300 good fat sheep. In accordance with the usual custom the prize winners were sold first with an Angus ox exhibited by Mr C. Morbey, Soham, eventually knocked down for £39

1898 12 22

A serious fire occurred at Chippenham. Details now to hand show that the Newmarket Jockey Club Owners and Trainers Fire Brigade have had an experience such as is seldom met with, having been on duty upwards of 18 hours, engaged in fighting a fire which at one time seemed likely to defy all efforts to get it in hand. Fordham Volunteer Fire Brigade was also sent for. It had been feared that the church would be endangered and Rev Mr Wickham climbed to the roof and poured water on the handsome stained glass memorial windows.

1899 01 24

One of the largest fires which have occurred in Chippenham broke out on Monday night. It appears that captain Howlett was in the village on fire brigade business connected with the previous fire, when a boy dashed in shouting that the barn at the rear of the Tharp Arms public house was on fire. He lost no time in wiring for as the Newmarket and Fulbourn Fire Brigade. Twenty villagers mounted the roof of a long range of thatched cottages in Church Lane and passed buckets from man to man in order to prevent the flames which were now licking the cottages. By sheer hard work the fire was held in check until the brigade arrived. They pulled down all places or goods in the vicinity which seemed likely to ignite and were able to confine the outbreak to something like reasonable proportions. Without the army of helpers the whole of the village lying to windward of the outbreak would probably have been involved

1899 02 10

Newmarket runaway, p4

1899 02 23

Inspectors of the Local Government Board held an inquiry at Newmarket respecting the proposed new main drainage schemes for the district. The sewers had been a source of difficulty and trouble in consequence of its faulty construction. The present sewage farm had caused constant complaints. The method of exposing sewage in trenches or ditches to stagnate was so very unsatisfactory that it was likely to cause a serious nuisance. Last year a scheme had to be abandoned in consequence of the Burwell Fen Commissioners objecting to the discharge of effluent on their fen

1899 03 13

The grass which grows in luxuriance on the banks of the Devils ditch at Burwell caught fire about 1½ miles from the main road from Cambridge to Newmarket. Very quickly the undergrowth on the side farthest from Newmarket in both the ditch and on the bank was ablaze. Portions of the Heath became ignited. Assistance was quickly forthcoming from the farm and houses in the vicinity, but the fire had extended about a mile before it could be got under control. It is believed that a lighted match was dropped by someone passing

1899 03 14

Some time since the Newmarket council, in the face of much opposition, decided to apply for an electric light installation for "Turfville". On Friday the section which supplies Palace Street was tested and Mr Leopold de Rothschild's Palace was ablaze with an effulgence from the many incandescent bulbs which have been fitted all over the premises. On Saturday the High Street was also tested. It remains for tonight, barring accident, for the whole of the cables to be made alive with the full power

1899 03 18

A Newmarket policeman died due to injuries received during the early hours of Friday morning. It is presumed he walked along the railway line in the direction of the old platform of the town station as he spoke to the night watchman who was cleaning the carriages in a siding. Later he was seen wandering about in a lane, suffering from bad concussion of the brain and a severe fracture of the skull. There are some deep pits over which laden trucks of coal are brought and the coal unloaded and in one of these was found his helmet and lantern, its sides battered in # c.34.7  
Milton horsemen, p3

1899 03 20

Newmarket policeman, p3

1899 03 21

Newmarket police inquest, p3

1899 04 17

Newmarket Teachers Union, p4

1899 04 22

Fire near Newmarket, p3

1899 04 27

Newmarket fake alarm, p3

1899 05 01

Pigeon shooting at Newmarket, p3

1899 05 17

At Newmarket council the peripatetic pianist was severely criticised. It would appear that not content with making the streets melodious by day, these artistes carry their benevolence so far as to serenade the inhabitants by evolving sweet sounds after Newmarket has gone to bed. But their efforts are not appreciated. Children had several times been awakened by the strains, and although the average child is ready enough to take delight in the street organ by day, it is the exceptional child that relishes the intrusion of music upon their dreams

1899 05 24

Today, Queen Victoria attains her 80th birthday. Fireworks, Newmarket

1899 06 06

The fire-bug seems to have turned his attention from the Chippenham district to the Clare side of Newmarket. On Saturday a fire broke out at Lidgate and on Tuesday flames were seen to be issuing from an outbuildings on a farm at Kirtling. A mounted messenger was sent to call the Jockey Club Owners and Trainers Fire Brigade at Newmarket. The Baptist Chapel almost adjoins the farm buildings, and was at one time in danger, but was fortunately saved, there being a plentiful supply of water. Appearances appear to leave little doubt that the fire was the work of an incendiary

1899 06 16

A swarm of bees was seen flying about Newmarket High-street and shortly afterwards they alighted on a lamp-post opposite the Congregational Church and followed the queen down the inside. A local apiarist, Mr C. Carter, tried to get them out by means of smoking but this had the effect of sending them further down. He then tried to get them to leave by pouring down water but the queen still remained in the lamp-post and her loyal followers refused to leave her.

1899 07 18

A public inquiry at Newmarket was told that a charity founded in 1792 by John Perram directed the income should be applied in marriage portions for such parishioners being between the age of 20 and 25, and not worth £20, as should be married in the parish church on Thursday in Easter week. Failing such persons the income was to be given to the winner of the next Town Plate to augment the stake money. For several years past no application had been made for the income and the charity was in abeyance.



1899 07 19

A 15 year-old Newmarket newsboy was charged by Walter Marsh, newsagent, with embezzling the sum of 9d. He had been employed seven years to deliver newspapers and was authorised to collect money for delivery. One of his customers was sent a bill at the rate of 7d per week and extra for copies of the Cambridge Daily News which had been supplied. It was returned with the remark that he always paid for the week's papers on Monday morning but the CDN, which he had when he could get one, he paid for at the time of delivery. The lad said he had lost half-a-sovereign out of his pocket and got his money mixed up.

1899 07 29

On Friday some passers-by saw flames issuing from one of two stacks adjoining the highway about midway between the Newmarket Fever Hospital and Fordham. Now an elderly tramp has said he had gone to the stack to sleep. He had overslept next morning and on getting up to continue his journey had lit his pipe and accidentally set the straw on fire by dropping the lighted match

1899 08 17

A petition was present to Newmarket magistrates praying they take steps to prevent children from being served with alcoholic drinks at public houses. Children in large numbers are regularly sent to licenced houses for the purpose of purchasing drinks for consumption off the premises and become accustomed to seeing sights that would otherwise be most revolting and to hearing language most foul. Children thus form the habit of drinking on the way, and many of them contract an almost ineradicable love for the drink, which eventually leads to their becoming a burden upon the ratepayers, inmates of our gaols, or the most degraded upon the street

1899 09 14c

The firemen on duty at Newmarket Jockey Club Owners' and Trainers' Fire Brigade noticed a big glare in the vicinity of Burwell, and at once the telephone was requisitioned to inquire at the brigade office whether a call had been received. The engines having been got ready the men donned their uniform and fastened on accoutrements, and then lit the lamps of the engine. But no call came. The Burwell Fire Brigade had their first experience of a fire, for although an engine has for some time been in the village, it is only within the past few weeks that a brigade has been formed.

1899 09 15

Labourers in dispute with the master builders had served a notice asking for an advance from 4½ d to 5d an hour. They had to end their wives out to work and leave the children to the mercy of anybody or everybody. The extra money added to the wage of the Cambridge labourers would enable them to keep their wives at home and give them happiness and joy. At Newmarket labourers were paid at the rate of 5½d per hour and were promised a halfpenny advance next summer

1899 09 20

Newmarket RDC heard that at Landwade there was a pump that had been erected by subscription, the piping had never been properly fixed and there was now a leakage. Complaints were made as to the indifferent water supply at Reach. There was a spring of good water near the Delph Bridge, which by reason of its being open was often full of tadpoles and other little animals. If a cover were put over it would be a good source of water. The inhabitants of Kirtling obtained a great deal of their water from a dirty pond. The water to certain homes in Soham was filled with dead cats.

1899 10 06

Fire at Newmarket, p3

1899 10 11

A meeting of Cambridge carpenters and joiners was held to obtain an increase of wages. At Newmarket the wages had advanced to 8d an hour and the carpenters and joiners of Cambridge were beginning to agitate and follow in their wake. In many other places men were only working a 49 hour week and left off at half past five. There were some Cambridge firms employing carpenters who were



offering 9d an hour but most men were content to go on dribbling with 7½d because they thought they had good berths and good masters. There was only one remedy for this evil and that lay in organisation

1899 10 23

The funeral took place at Newmarket cemetery of William Williams, better known as "Old Buck". Deceased, who came from South America was a pure Negro and landed in this country about 21 years ago. He was employed by Mr Jacob Pincus and boasted of having crossed the Atlantic some 25 times. In late years "Buck" was employed by Mr Huggins, trainer to Lord William Beresford. Mr Pincus and all the lads employed at Mr Huggins' stable were among the many who followed his remains to their resting place

1899 11 27

Following their manoeuvres at Shelford the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers had a further engagement with the University corps in the vicinity of Caius Farm, near the Gog Magogs. The Scots marched out to occupy the farm and were reinforced at Fulbourn by a company of the Newmarket Suffolk Volunteers. The actual firing operations began at 2.45. The farm having been taken the defending and attacking forces were formed up in line and the march home was begun, the Scottish pipers leading the way

1899 12 09

John Ginn, 12 years of age, living at Saxon-street, a hamlet near Newmarket, has just distinguished himself by a curious adventure. Having read of the boy who killed three Boers in the South African War, his spirit burned within him to go and do likewise. Emptying his money box he had enough to pay his railway fare to Ely and set forth. He left behind pinned on the wall of his room this curious epistle: - "Dear mother and father, I am going to be a soldier and shoot Boers with a revolver, like the boy Sherlock did. Goodbye, John Ginn". The boy was interviewed by the Colonel in command at Ely who gave him some good advice and a return railway fare home

1900 01 03

Newmarket fire brigade dinner, p3 \*

1900 02 07

South Essex Waterworks Company proposal to construct a large reservoir near Melbourn would drain the watershed from which Newmarket obtained its supply. In some nearby villages water was very scarce in summer & in one or two had to be carted about by water carts from a distance. But Mr Segrott said it would be an advantage to have the water a few feet lower in the town. Several could tell of having their cellars flooded. When the Hotel Victoria was built it took an engine weeks working day and night to keep the water down.

1900 03 27

What would doubtless have proved a serious outbreak of fire occurred at Newmarket Union Workhouse at Exning. A strong smell of burning wood became noticeable and the caretaker of the larder, which is adjacent to the Master's sitting room, on searching for the cause, noticed smoke coming through the lath and plaster ceiling of the larder. Buckets of water were poured and a large garden syringe requisitioned by the Jockey Club Owners and Trainers Fire Brigade.

1900 04 04

Newmarket council heard that a Manchester firm had submitted examples of very cheap enamelled hackney carriage badges, but as the sample was inferior to that submitted by Mr Simpson of Newmarket, and as he had quoted a greatly reduced price, it was decided to give him the order.

1900 04 06

Newmarket butchers meat, p3

1900 04 25

The driver of the mail van which conveys the mail bags and hampers from the Soham district to the Norwich and London up mail train at Ely was driving up to the Newmarket post office when one of the two horses harnessed to it began to kick and he dismounted. Just at this time a German band began to play near the horses and this still more alarmed them and they started off at a rapid pace in the direction of Cambridge. The driver followed as quickly as possible and a number of cyclists rode after them.

1900 04 28

Newmarket rector & allotments, p3 \*

1900 04 30

Newmarket fire, p4

1900 05 01 c

For upwards of 50 years certain glebe land at All Saint's, Newmarket, has been let as allotments. The land is in the centre of a very thickly-populated part of the town – Exning Road – and is known as Van Diemen's Land. On the rare occasions when a plot is to let there are a large number of applicants. Some plots have been in the same family for as many as 50 years. Two years ago the rector sold a large strip of the land to the Newmarket Gas Company and more recently the Electric Light Company have acquired another strip. Now a new rector has informed the allotment holders that as he has been offered a good price for the land by a Cambridge builder, he was thinking of selling it in order to increase his living.

1900 05 19

Newmarket was overjoyed to hear the good news of the relief of Mafeking and soon Union Jacks were flying from nearly every house and shop. At St Ives the news was heralded by the explosion of detonators and the streets were at once decorated. At Ely a crowd of enthusiasts marched round the streets carrying flags and at Saffron Walden bunting was displayed in all directions. There was a good congregation at Over church service consisting chiefly of men who came direct from their work.

1900 07 02

The Egerton House training establishment at Newmarket is said to be the largest of its kind in the world. The small town of buildings has its own electric lighting plant, its own cooks, kitchen and caterer, employs its own carpenters, blacksmiths etc. in addition to a small army of stable lads. A short time since Mr Marsh determined to have a small church erected on the place. It was from this building that smoke was seen to be issuing. The organ had been badly damaged by the flames. The church is lighted by electricity and the outbreak was caused by the fusing of one of the wires due to a short circuit.

1900 09 07 c

At Newmarket a widow lady of 70 years made overtures to the poor law authority in the direction of out-relief. The chairman, with an eye to the ratepayers' interests, suggested she should obtain a post as a housekeeper to someone. She pointed out that a woman of 70 was not likely to get a housekeeper's place. But the lady found a situation as a housekeeper, and has become the bride of her employer. This husband of her's is her third. It would be a rather extreme step to instruct relief officers to say to all single ladies of that age who apply for assistance 'get a situation and get married'. It is not easy to get situations for ladies of seventy; it is still less easy to get husbands for them.

1900 09 27

At Newmarket Licensing Session an application was made for a licence for a new hotel which it was proposed to erect in close contiguity to the new station. When last the application was made the justices took objection to the plans which now provided for 14 bedrooms instead of eight. It would be in the Georgian style, similar to Colonel McCalmont's house at Cheveley Park. Mr Bankes-Ashton said they had what on paper looked like a very fine building, but justices would remember that the

same company put in plans for the Warren Hill Hotel, which also looked fine on paper, but they did not keep to those plans after a licence had been granted

1900 10 12

Newmarket Hotel, p4

1900 11 02

Some gypsies who had passed with their vans through Newmarket, after hawking baskets etc camped for a time on a piece of grass near the Cemetery. Three of the men, who had evidently taken too much to drink, began to quarrel and got to blows. Two of them stripped to the waist and commenced to fight. When PC Nice arrived he found them covered with blood and surrounded by a crowd of about 200 persons. The constable, at considerable risk to himself, interposed to stop them but they would not desist. He accordingly sent for assistance. Constables Foulcher, Marjoram and King arrived & took the principal offenders into custody. The others decamped

1901 01 23

On learning of the decease of the Queen the bell-ringers of All Saints' and St Mary's churches, Newmarket, rang a muffled peal. At Saffron Walden the news caused the profoundest regret amongst the inhabitants. Union Jacks were at half-mast at the Town Hall, the Conservative Club and the Volunteer headquarters and the tenor bell at the church was tolled. Many were the expressions of sorrow and regret in Haverhill; as early as possible a muffled peal was rung at the parish church and flags in all available parts of the town were rung to half-mast. The Raiders' (Tennis Club) Dance on Friday has been indefinitely postponed.

1901 01 29

Mr Catrall said he was very sorry to find Newmarket behind other places as far as the churches were concerned. He understood that both All Saints' and St Mary's churches had neglected to drape on Sunday to mark the death of Queen Victoria. Why, even in Ireland, they did so, and every denomination, including the chapels in the town, had not failed in that respect. Mr Ellis said All Saints had been decorated for Christmas and the question was whether the death of the Queen should displace that.

1901 02 08

A great concourse of people assembled at the Clock Tower, Newmarket to hear the King proclaimed. From the steps leading to the drinking fountain of the tower and stretching out some eight or ten feet, a platform had been erected, and was covered with Royal purple baize. The front was hung with the Union Jack. Children from the three Newmarket day schools and those from Exning marched up the High Street and were arranged in the form of a V, facing the platform.

1901 02 23

The annual social evening of members of the Newmarket Jockey Club Owners' and Trainers' Fire Brigade was held at Brigade headquarters. The brigade was as efficient as any in the kingdom and there were plenty of men ready to enter. No men were so hampered at work by people who were without the necessary knowledge of how best to help as were the members of a Fire Brigade, and it was there that the police came in, for they assisted by holding in check such well-intentioned, but too-often unskilled helpers.

1901 03 22

A meeting to decide upon what steps should be taken should the five shillings rise in wages which the Newmarket stablemen are asking for not be given by the trainers was held in the Wagon and Horses Inn, Newmarket. Every candidate for admission was carefully scanned before he was allowed to enter and our reporter was only admitted on condition that the names of the speakers were not published. It was estimated that between 300 and 400 "lads" were present, and many more were unable to gain admission. The chairman said £1 a week was not a living wage in an expensive town. Even single men could not live properly. They should all stand out for their 25s.

1901 03 25

The demand of the stablemen of Newmarket for an increase of 5s weekly upon their present wages was refused by the employers and between 500 and 600 of the men struck work. Only one trainer, Mr Robert Sherwood gave the 25s and in the evening a large body of employees of other stables marched to his house and cheered him again and again. All through Saturday police were drafted into the town. Pickets were sent out to various stables but at only one were men at work. Comparatively few horses were out at exercise, ridden by house lads and apprentices who are not affected by the strike.

1901 04 01

The Newmarket stable employees who are on strike held another meeting at the Waggon and Horses Inn at which 3-400 were present. A well-known trainer had suggested giving single lads 20s per week and married men 20s with the addition of 1s for each child, until a maximum of 25s was reached. The suggestion was absurd, they would accept nothing less than 25s unconditionally. Apprentices only received from 2s.6d. to 5s a week and their board and lodgings. Training was not a bad game. Look at the number of servants trainers had in their houses, the cigars they smoked, the wines they drank, and the way they lived generally.

1901 04 02

On Sunday morning the stable employees on strike at Newmarket met at the Jubilee Tower. There were just over 600 present. In a very orderly manner they divided into four sections and marched to churches. A more orderly or better-behaved procession was never seen in Newmarket and the officiating ministers expressed themselves very pleased with the behaviour of the men and youths and their attentive demeanour. After the services they reformed and marched to the Jubilee Tower, where they dismissed.

1901 04 02

Newmarket trainers held a meeting at the Rutland Arms Hotel, to consider the state of affairs. Some were strongly in favour of acceding to the men's requests but after an hour and a half's consultation a resolution was passed refusing to meet a deputation from the stablemen. The lads are incensed by the refusal of the trainers to discuss matters and unanimously determined to continue the strike until the wage demanded is conceded.

1901 04 04

Newmarket strike collapses

1901 04 06

The sudden conclusion of the strike of stablemen at Newmarket was undoubtedly due to the panic which seized a few of the strikers subsequent to the meeting of Tuesday. The consequence is that the trainers have been able to dictate their own terms, instead of having terms dictated to them. Many will give their employees £1.2s (£1.10) but others intend to give only £1. Probably 100 of the strikers have not been re-employed. The members of the strikers' committee have not been reinstated, undoubtedly due to a feeling among certain trainers that they were responsible for the strike.

1901 04 13

Sir – the ill-advised strike of stablemen at Newmarket has resulted most deplorably for all who took part in it, and the consequences unfortunately, have told heavily on many who were persuaded against their better judgement into having anything to do with it. Myself and many other poor married men were almost intimidated into striking. On behalf of them, and the wives and children dependent on us, let me appeal to the merciful consideration of trainers. Such men ought to have first claim on their clemency when they re-engage stablemen for employment. As one of the strikers I dare not make my name public – Poor Married Stableman

1901 05 02

The annual meeting of the Cambridge branch of the R.S.P.C.A. heard that all the local secretaries were ladies - they were usually more tender-hearted than men. Newmarket had no subscribers; there were a lot of wealthy people there, and they were generally very generous. The speaker referred to the common habit of stopping a tram a few yards before it would be stopped in the ordinary course, and said much unnecessary work was thus given to the horses. People who would be horrified at the idea of cruelty do this in order to save themselves walking a few yards.

1901 05 15

Newmarket court – hare, p4

1901 06 10

Newmarket's M.P., Col. H. McCalmont was welcomed home after 18 month's absence on active service in South Africa. In Upper Station Road hung a motto 51 feet in length with the words "Welcome Home". Crowds of people lined the side-walks and congregated in the Station Yard. The town band and engine of the Fire Brigade were drawn up near the platform. On the day of the election Mr C.D. Rose, his opponent and he were both in Bloemfontein and might have fought it out there. Mrs McCalmont had fought the battle and won him the election

1901 06 19

Newmarket White Lion bankruptcy, p3

1901 06 27

Newmarket fever hospital, shopkeepers & pavement, p4

1901 07 04

The excavation of the trenches in which the new sewers are to be laid along the Exeter Road, Newmarket, have reached about half way up the steep part leading to Exning Road. The men were working from eight to ten feet deep when without any warning a large mass of earth from one of the sides broke away and buried some of them. Enquires showed two men were missing, one being a labourer from Bottisham and the other a stranger called "Darky". Up to the time of writing one body has been found, but the other had not been recovered. Inquest 5th p3

1901 07 09

Newmarket drainage worker's funeral, p3

1901 07 29

A series of tactical exercises were carried out by about 210 members of the Suffolk Regiment. A Bury force was to occupy Newmarket; they were conveyed by train to Kennet where they detrained and made their way in the direction of Waterhal. When the Newmarket Brigade had almost reached the "Boy's Grave" cyclist scouts reported having seen the enemy approaching and orders given for the men to remain in perdu in the brushwood. The sound of firing was soon heard but Newmarket easily held the attack. Lessons learned in South Africa were developed and acted upon.

1901 07 31

Newmarket apprentices, p4 \*

1901 08 05

Newmarket runaway horse, p3 \*

1901 08 05 c

A Newmarket apprentice was summoned for leaving his employment. He complained he had been given a fortnight's weeding for talking during exercise time & been hit with a whip. He was not allowed to ride out horses in the first string – he was not nervous, although he had fallen two or three times and four horses had run away from him. He had been drunk twice at work and stolen a postal

order. If he were allowed to break his indenture just as he liked there would be no managing the stable lads in the town. The Bench had no hesitation in ordering him back to his work, saying "You put your back into it and you'll go on all right"

1901 08 05 c

An exciting scene occurred in the High Street, Newmarket. Mrs Smith was driving a lady friend and three children when the horses became frightened and bolted. She twisted the reins and see-sawed them but the runaway continued its career. Hundreds of people were in the main thoroughfare and a man got in front of the horse to try to stop him but was not successful. Many called out "Let it run", knowing the steep ascent to the Heath would check the runaway; this proved to be the case and she was able to pull it up. As it was led home Mrs Smith was cheered for her bravery

1901 08 13

H. Rider Haggard writes: Some of the old Cambridgeshire families such as Allix, Pell, Jenyns & Frost still remain upon their ancestral acres, but the majority of them have melted away. Round Newmarket their place has been filled by an influx of millionaire owners from all parts of the globe who are interested in sport but take no real interest in the land or its occupants. The county has but few resident gentlemen, except the clergy. In the fens hardly anyone will live except those concerned in the management of the land, since here are to be found neither sport, scenery or society,

1901 09 25

Newmarket licensing magistrates heard there was an exceedingly bitter cry from the inhabitants of the Stanley and Cheveley Roads that little or no accommodation was provided for obtaining that they required in the way of liquid refreshment. There were 700 people in that part of town, forming in reality a colony. Since 1887, 114 houses, large and small had been built and there was only an outdoor beerhouse. There had been occasions when brandy was urgently required to save a life but the nearest place it could be obtained was distant half-a-mile. The Stanley Arms, owing to the lavish expenditure by Mr Shephard was eminently suited for a full-licensed house. It was refused.

1901 10 10

Newmarket station hotel, p3

1901 11 02

Manchester – Newmarket, p2

1901 11 06

Newmarket RDC discussed the depopulation of East Anglia, which some believe was due not only to higher wages in towns, but to the neglect of rural teaching in schools. Every rural school should have gardens so pupils may learn to cultivate their own allotments. Councillors thought bad housing was the problem; can anyone expect a girl who has been in service for a year to settle down in a hovel, they refuse to come back to their homes. They leave the country to go to London, where houses are worse than here.

1901 11 21

Mr Benstead of Swaffham Prior asked Newmarket RDC to take over parts of the road which have been metalled by the Fen Reeves. Some councillors spoke in opposition. Mr Tebbitt said there was pretty much 100 miles of such roads in Soham and he would move that Soham Fen roads be served likewise. Mr Munsey said he would do the same as regards Fordham. It was decided to refer the matter to a committee to thoroughly consider and report.

1902 01 24

The annual dinner of the H (Newmarket) Company of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment took place at the Hotel Victoria. There were present about 100 rank and file. Recruits must attend 30 ordinary drills during their first year and at least ten during subsequent years, but probably all their recruits put in 50 drills a year. Major d'Albani presented Lieut O.E. Griffiths with the Royal



Humane Society's certificate on vellum for his cool courage in rescuing a boy who had fallen into water 12 ft deep.

1902 02 06

Newmarket death, p3

1902 02 18

Newmarket Gas Company shareholders heard that the Working Men's Conservative Club had given orders to have the gas fittings taken out and electric light substituted, but after using it for two years it had proved to be unsuitable. The electric light fittings were pulled out and the incandescent gas was installed. The club now found their gas light was costing less than half of what the electric light did and they were getting a far better light

1902 02 19

Newmarket sale, p3

1902 03 13

Newmarket Justices considered a right of way from Ashley to Moulton along a drift road that shortens the journey by about two miles. The road led to nowhere and in order to reach the high road again it was necessary to trespass on land belonging to Sir Ernest Cassell. It was for the accommodation of two gentlemen and the cottagers on the farms. The difficulty only cropped up since building operations commenced at Moulton and workmen have used the drift as a short cut. Some palings were put near the gate at one end to make it unclimbable but the men smashed them down. The Justices decided the men believed they had a right of way and dismissed the case.

1902 04 03

Newmarket council heard that the Jockey Club would grant the free use of the steeplechase stands and grounds for the coronation celebrations. It would be infinitely better than the Portland stand as they were covered and undesirables can be kept out better. There was also, if necessary, cooking accommodation. They would offer waggons to get the younger children there. (Applause). An Ipswich firm could supply a tent to accommodate 1,400 adults at a cost of £48. (Oh, oh). Mr Morris: We don't want to buy it!

1902 04 07

The Great Eastern Railway Company opened for traffic their new station at Newmarket, about a quarter of a mile nearer the Race Course. It provides very superior accommodation for dealing with passenger traffic. Long platforms have been constructed, connected by a subway with excellent waiting accommodation and spacious refreshment rooms specially designed to provide for the requirements of the race traffic. Colonel McCalmont has constructed new roads which afford good facilities for reaching the new Station both from the town and race course as well as from the direction of Cheveley

1902 04 08

Mr O. Griffith offered for sale at his Rothesay House Auction Rooms a freehold property situate opposite The Terrace in High Street Newmarket and known as Aston House, with stables and coach-houses and a cottage adjoining. The lot was withdrawn at £1,500. Other properties including Kingston House, Amelia House and Chudleigh House and a lock-up shop in the occupation of Mr J. Jennings were also withdrawn without sale.

1902 04 22

An exciting scene took place at Newmarket Police Court when a Deptford butcher was charged with being drunk. The prisoner was arrested suffering from delirium tremens had had since been an inmate of the Workhouse Infirmary. When the magistrates intimated he would be further remanded he rushed towards the reporters' table and then attempted to strangle himself with a neckerchief. Several constables secured him and he was led away uttering threats.



1902 04 30

The King left London on Tuesday for Newmarket and reached the new station at 1.45 in the afternoon. Entering a carriage his Majesty drove along the avenue into High Street and thence to the racecourse, repeatedly acknowledging the cheers of the people en route. He lunched in his private room at the grand stand and chatted with several people in the Jockey Club enclosure. After the races the King drove to Egerton House where he looked over the training establishment and returned to his rooms at the Jockey Club to sleep

1902 06 14

Newmarket trainers & stablemen, p3

1902 06 17

Newmarket Salvation Army, p3 \*

Newmarket stablemen's dinner, p3

1902 06 23

Their primary object of isolation hospitals was to pick out early cases of infectious diseases and isolate them so that it might not spread. Newmarket district had a well-appointed hospital and when there had been epidemics of scarlatina they had been stamped out rapidly. Caxton had erected a smallpox hospital in a temporary building but thought it desirable for a central hospital for smallpox alone. Linton wished to manage the matter entirely themselves. They had spent an enormous sum on vaccination and an epidemic ought to be impossible. They were very anxious to keep out of the hands of the County Council, in which they had not much confidence.

Newmarket School Board election, p4

1902 06 27

Newmarket 'coronation night', p2

1902 07 04

At a recent meeting of Newmarket Council Mr J. G. Catrall opposed an application by the Salvation Army to hire the Town Hall on the grounds that the "music" of the Army "was all discord" and that it would "alarm the horses in the stables". Now W. Streeton, Divisional Officer of the Cambridge Salvation Army has written to him saying that such refusal will not keep them out of Newmarket. He continues "Thanking you for your assistance (?) to the work of God and reminding you that Eternity is in the future and you may be called into account for your influence in the above matter".

1902 08 02

All Saints church Newmarket vestry meeting considered tenders for lighting the church from the Electric Light and Gas Companies. Speakers pointed out the ease with which the electric light could be switched on and off and that it was the more healthy of the two. But arrangements for turning down incandescent gas were easily made, it was much cheaper and it gave out heat, thus saving somewhat on the coke for heating. The Gas Company manager guaranteed to reduce the present gas bill by at least a half as the incandescent system was more economical and cleaner than the flat burners. The committee voted four-four and it was decided to leave the decision to the Churchwardens, one of whom was strongly in favour of electric, the other gas.

1902 08 08

After he had finished his sermon the pastor of Newmarket Congregational Chapel read a letter sent him by the deacons of the chapel which said that as seat rents and donations were falling off they were unable to keep up his salary of £220. There had been a lot of unpleasantness and it was felt the pastorate had better be brought to an end as quickly as possible. He said the Deacons had overstepped the mark. A meeting was held and proved to be decidedly more "lively" than such meetings usually are, some of those present walking out of the room while it was in progress.

1902 08 13

Mr Deasley told Newmarket Council that he thought some corner lamps should be lighted at Exning. They were quite as necessary there as at Newmarket. Mr Compodonico: Why have they not been lit? Mr Verrall: People go to bed at 10 p.m. at Exning.

1902 08 15

His dusky Highness Lewanika, King of the Barotseland, with his equerry, arrived at Newmarket Station on a short visit to Dalham Hall, the residence which the late Cecil Rhodes purchased for something over £100,000 shortly before his death. Their advent was almost unnoticed as the secret of the time of their arrival had been so well kept that even at the railway station it was unknown. The Newmarket Town Band had been retained to play at Dalham at a garden party but no definite date was given until late on Wednesday. The king played croquet on the fine lawn in front of the Hall and returned to the station for the London train.

1902 08 18

Newmarket minister death pulpit, p3

1902 09 09

Newmarket council considered that owing to the prevalence of motor vehicles the reason which formerly existed for the Council's steam roller not being used in the streets between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon had now been to a great extent removed. They were losing four hours' work daily. The bye-law had been made at the wish of the trainers but horses were not frightened of the steam roller in these days when motors dash past them every day.

1902 09 13

The annual meeting of Newmarket Football Club heard that interest in the club diminished when through some mistake the team was ruled out of the cup tie. After that the season was more or less a failure. A sort of split had followed, and another club had been started. There was not room in the town for two good clubs and they hoped that an amalgamation would be arranged. It did not matter under what named they played but all the best players should belong to one club

1902 10 07

A Newmarket man was summoned for betting on the highway at Exning. PC Clark said he saw defendant came out of the Cherrytree Inn and walk up and down. People came up and slips of paper were given to him. He asked defendant for the slips and, after the names of the horses had been entered into a book, they were handed to him. In mitigation the man said he had acted in ignorance of the law – proved by the fact he had been making bets in the face of the policeman. This and the fact that betting was carried on by a large majority of the people of Newmarket led him to believe he had done nothing wrong. He was fined 2s 6d with 7s 6d costs.

1902 10 08

Newmarket betting, p3

1902 10 18

As the King drove to Newmarket races in an open carriage an Italian organ-grinder named Arpino was grinding out the strains of "When the boys come marching home once more". When the Royal carriage passed the Italian raised his hat and held it as is customary with him for a coin. The King ordered the carriage to stop. Arpino ran to catch it up and said, in Italian, "Good morning, King". This unusual mode of address evidently caused the King considerable amusement for as the carriage drove off he was thrown a florin. Arpino now says the King has "patronised" him and he intends to have the Royal Arms painted on his organ.

1902 11 13

Newmarket councillors will ask the Great Eastern Railway Company to run a certain number of the special trains in race week to and from the old station because of the serious effects upon tradesmen caused by the opening of the new railway station. In the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire weeks when race trains were sent to the old station people had patronised the shops of the tradesmen on the road to the course and that showed plainly what a loss the diversion of the traffic had been. But the Railway Company considered their own interests before those of the town.

1902 11 18

Newmarket sewerage, p3

1902 11 28

Newmarket RDC are to ask the County Council to use their influence with the Commissioners of Woods and Forests, the owners of the Burwell Ness Toll Bar, to ascertain on what terms they would allow it to be removed and the road made over to the public. There were a great many people in the neighbourhood who would be pleased to see the road open, including cyclists from all parts of the county.

1902 12 08

Col Harry Leslie Blundell McCalmont, M.P. for the Newmarket Division of Cambridgeshire since 1895 died suddenly at his London residence. He served in South Africa and received an injury to the head through which he was invalided home, receiving on his arrival at Newmarket a remarkable reception from his constituents. He was a well-known owner of racehorses & his racing stud is housed at Cheveley Park. It was his custom to distribute thousands of head of game throughout the country and was especially mindful of his poorer neighbours. There were many claims upon his large fortune and he did much for the County Cricket Club which will be one of the greater losers by his death.

1902 12 09

The death of Colonel Harry McCalmont was received with incredulity in Newmarket and it was not until the C.D.N. arrived that the news became generally known and believed. At various business establishments the town blinds were down and the billiards handicap at the Conservative Club was not proceeded with. His death will mean a great loss but how seriously the town would be affected none were prepared to say.

1902 12 29

Newmarket Christmas, p4

1903 01 03

Polling took place for the election of a Member of Parliament for the Newmarket division. Motor cars and carriages, the horses decorated with blue and pink favours were continually passing up and down Newmarket High Street. A motor car containing a number of labouring men pulled up at the polling station just after 8am, and as time went on the motors and carriages increased in number; at times as many as four motors could be seen in the street at one time. Some contained ladies who did their best to encourage reluctant voters to poll and in the majority of cases their persuasive powers were not used in vain.

1903 01 13

Newmarket Urban Council have received a letter from Messrs Beasley, son and Nichols asking for a cheque to be drawn in settlement of their outstanding account; unless they receive a cheque in the next week they will place the matter in the hands of their solicitors. They are to reply that the council's account is overdrawn and they do not have unlimited credit, but the bill would be paid as soon as they got the money.

1903 01 15

The Directors of the Great Eastern Railway Company have replied to the petition asking them to use the old station at Newmarket for some of the race traffic. They remind the inhabitants that the large and costly station recently erected was the outcome of constant representations from the racing

community who complained about the inconveniences of the old station. Keen competition has arisen during the past ten years through the establishment of race meetings at such places as Sandown and Lingfield resulting in the falling off of numbers attending Newmarket Meetings. This influenced their decision to build a large new station affording every facility to race goers as near the course as possible. The late Colonel McCalmont had planned to develop the land alongside for building purposes and thus add to the prosperity of Newmarket as a residential place

1903 01 23

Dr Cocks and his chauffeur were proceeding along Hills Road, Cambridge, in a motor car, when the car skidded. The front wheel turned into the gutter and came into contact with the kerbstone with great force. The wheel was completely battered and every spoke was broken. Fortunately no one was hurt and the car was removed to the Cambridge and Newmarket Autocar Company for repairs. No less than seven cyclists also had spills through the greasy state of the road

1903 02 04

The most famous wise woman in the fens lives in the town of Cambridge itself. On market days farmers and labourers and servants come to seek her advice, cross her hand with silver and go away with spells for love and marriage, for the cure of all kinds of ills and good luck in cattle-dealing. Another famous Wise Woman lives in a cottage in a village near Newmarket. She does a good business in spells and charms, from wart-curing to love philtres. She has cured thousands of warts by a process of rubbing the root of the dandelion plant on the hard skin to the accompaniment of some incantation gibberish. On stormy nights she is still fondly believed to go for midnight rides on a broomstick.

1903 02 12

Newmarket fever hospital was only made for 15 beds; they had had 36 patients in at one time which showed the hospital was not up to requirements. When the outbreak of scarlet fever occurred at Stetchworth there were nine cases in the hospital. They might get disease spread from one case all over a village in a very short time. There was nothing like isolation for stamping out these diseases. It was almost impossible for poor people to take the necessary precautions

1903 08 18

Newmarket sale, p3

1903 02 24

Newmarket rifle club, p4

1903 03 12

Newmarket station roads, p4

1903 04 03 c

Two Newmarket men were charged with assisting a private in the 3rd Suffolk Regiment to desert, by supplying him with civilian clothing and disposing of his uniform. A widow said the man had brought a red tunic to her house and asked her to buy it for a shilling and make a hearthrug with it. She found a number on one of the pockets and handed it to the police. P.C. Page said he went to a house and found a shirt, a pair of trousers and tunic. A day later he went to Swaffham and was handed a coat. One of the defendants said he had gone to a public house in Newmarket, got drunk, and bought the clothes from a man who said he had just come from South Africa

1903 04 07

Sergt Mobbs told Newmarket magistrates that he saw an electric motor car going up the High Street being driven in a very reckless manner. He followed the car to the Horse Shoe Inn where they saw the defendant leaning against it, very drunk. The policeman told him he was not fit to drive and another man said he would drive for him as he had to go to the old station to meet his master, Dan Maher, the jockey. When the jockey did not arrive the defendant decided that he would drive. The car was a

silent one and when he drove off he turned the lights off and was arrested. It was a most dangerous thing for a person entrusted with a car to get into such a state. He was endangering his master's property as well as the lives of the public and was fined 20s.

1903 04 28

Soham House Estate, situated in one of the best positions in Newmarket was offered for sale by auction. The mansion is fitted throughout with every modern convenience and luxury and contains a billiard room, nine bed and dressing rooms, three bath rooms, an extensive suite of domestic & culinary offices, a racquet court and a suite of bachelor's quarters. The estate covers an area of ten acres and is one of the best show places of the town. The cost was stated at considerably over £30,000. Neither this, nor two other properties in The Avenue were sold.

1903 06 03

Coronation Hotel, Newmarket, p2

1903 07 14

Newmarket drainage, p4

1903 07 28

Newmarket pumping station, p4

1903 08 10

Newmarket fire, p3

1903 08 11

Newmarket smallpox, p3

1903 09 10

Newmarket passive resisters league, p3

1903 10 12

There was another heavy downpour of rain; the Cam has but in a few places overflowed its banks and the ferries between Cambridge and Chesterton are still working. The Granta has not behaved so well and the water is already over the banks; there is a vast expanse of water with the tops of the hedges and the trees only showing. At Grantchester mill the road is knee deep. The basement of houses in Newmarket High Street are flooded as are some of the low-lying streets at Saffron Walden and the railway line at Chesterford is threatened with being submerged.

1903 10 17

The King went out for his customary horseback exercise on Friday morning earlier than usual, the weather being delightful. He was on Newmarket Heath shortly before nine and spent upwards of an hour cantering over the greensward. After watching the horses exercising His Majesty returned to his rooms and subsequently proceeded in an open carriage to the races. On his return his carriage only just escaped being run into in congested traffic by a heavy vehicle whose horses were pulled on their haunches to prevent the collision.

1903 10 22

The Passive resistance movement at Newmarket has reached a new stage; a fortnight ago 21 persons were summoned for non-payment of the poor rate, warrants were issued and the unpleasant task of distraining goods fell to the police. They called at the defendant's homes while they were there and selected one or two articles they considered of sufficient value to cover the rate and cost. These will be auctioned. One of the Resisters will probably buy the goods in; the sale is hardly likely to last more than a few minutes and be free from any disturbance.

1903 11 25

An agreement has been reached for the incorporation of the Capital and Counties Bank, London and Messrs Foster's bank in Sidney Street, Cambridge. The Capital was established more than 69 years ago and holds eminent rank among the leading London clearing banks. It is already well known here, having a branch in Cambridge under the management of Mr Guilmant, and others at Newmarket, Haverhill and Wisbech. We feel confident that the enlargement by this amalgamation with Messrs Foster of the Bank's sphere of operations cannot but prove of general advantage

1904 01 13

Newmarket drainage, p4

1904 01 28

Newmarket garage fire, p4

1904 02 09

Newmarket Rising Sun, p4

1904 02 12

A fire broke out at Haddon House, Newmarket. It originated behind a stove in the hall and was discovered by Mr Butcher who telephoned for the Fire Brigade at nine o'clock. The call was received by Lieut. Cooper, the brigade was at once called and at ten minutes past the men left with the hose reel for the scene. The firemen (seven in number) found the skirting, joists and floor boards round the stove well alight but a good supply of water soon extinguished the flames and the brigade were back at the fire station by ten o'clock. Owing to their promptitude the fire was not of a very serious nature.

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1904 02 23

Newmarket race traffic, p4

1904 03 09

Tindalls of Newmarket & Ely, p4

1904 03 22

Newmarket is being well catered for in the way of pictorial postcards. A delightful set of six views in colour has been issued by Mr Ernest Parr, stationer. Having seen them one can well understand the enormous success with which they have been received. The cards are selling at the rate of 250 a day. The series includes views of St Mary's church, horses returning from a morning gallop, the royal entrance to the Jockey-Club grounds and the High Street on market day

1904 03 22

Newmarket councillors heard a great many complaints had been made with regard to cabs loitering in the High Street and the police had difficulty regulating the traffic. Owing to the removal of the railway station a good many of the cab ranks were no longer used and the cabmen had nowhere to take their cabs. There were several charabancs and brakes in the town better than those which came from outside but they had never been able to ply for hire. They should reduce the number of hackney carriage licences and not grant them to anybody outside twenty-mile radius. One said that after the races a whole turnout would be sold for £5, with the driver's great coat thrown in.



1904 04 12

Newmarket sale, p3

1904 06 04

Newmarket White Hart, p3

1904 06 25

Newmarket accident, p3

1904 07 13

The King visited Newmarket Workhouse and made a tour of the building which has been recently reconstructed at a cost of £23,000. When in the kitchen he remarked upon the superiority of that room over the one in existence when he previously visited as Prince of Wales in 1895. He threw out suggestions of a practical nature, notably that the iron building used as an inspection ward should be covered with creepers and that the slab over a stove in one of the rooms should be rounded off, his Majesty having caught his foot against the corner whilst passing. A stable lad, an infirmity patient, came in for some attention and at the King's request he played a selection on his mandolin. & 14th p2

1904 07 13

The bandstand erected at Newmarket in commemoration of the coronation of King Edward VII was opened. Considerable difficulties had been experienced with regard to the site but with the consent of the Jockey Club it was erected on the Town Corner of the Severalls. It is in the usual style and painted white relieved with the King's racing colours of red and blue. It was decorated with small flags and illuminated when darkness came on by means of electric lights, a number of the globes of which bore portraits of the King and Queen

1904 10 01

Two friends met at Newmarket, one without a bicycle, one with. As they were both returning to Cambridge they challenged each other to get there first. They started off from the Post Office at 3.47pm; within ten minutes the first had caught a train and was soon speeding along. Punctual to the minute it arrived in Cambridge and he was soon rattling along in a cab. He arrived at the office at 4.40 to see the cyclist cool and smiling waiting in another room

1904 10 15

Lord George Sanger's circus is billed to appear at Newmarket and ordinarily such announcements are welcomed. But on this occasion it has given rise of alarm as one of the circus horses has been slaughtered owing to its being affected with glanders, the disease most dreaded by horse keepers on account of its highly contagious and infectious properties. Newmarket is home to many valuable racehorses and the circus site was at the Severalls, a site much frequented by racehorses. The News has approached a veterinary expert who says that if Government precautions had been undertaken there was probably no danger. But council officers will examine the horses at Sudbury before they arrive.

1904 10 19

Newmarket trainer's bankruptcy, p3

1904 11 08

Mr F.G. Postans retired after occupying the position of postmaster at Newmarket since 1866. At that time all postal work was carried on in the boot shop now occupied by Mr Quant in the High Street. There were five staff for postal work. Gambling was allowed anywhere and everywhere and registered money was sent through the post in large quantities. At that time there were deliveries two or three times a day but now they have increased to five. There was no telegraph work in the shop but there was a telegraph office adjoining the Subscription Club Rooms and another in the White Hart yard. A number of operators used to come down for the race weeks.



1904 12 06

Newmarket sale, p4

1904 12 07 c

There was good attendance at Rothsay House Sale Rooms, Newmarket when the late Prince Soltykoff's estate at Moulton was put up for sale. The sporting estate, known as Landwade's Stud Farm was offered in two lots. One included a residence, flower and kitchen garden, stud buildings, groom's cottage, farm buildings and 259 acres. It had been bought on the open market for about £21,500 and a considerable sum spent upon it. But bidding only reached £9,500 and it was withdrawn. A second lot including cottages and horse boxes attracted no bids.

1904 12 10

At Balsham police searched in vain for horses to pull the Macedonian gypsies' caravan and hit upon the expedient of pressing a traction engine into service. So the motley crowd with their caravans and tiny ponies proceeded on their weary way. The idea of being drawn along by a traction engine greatly delighted the wanderers who crowded into their caravans and very contentedly made the journey into Newmarket where they camped for the night on the Heath. The police accompanied the party as far as the Red Lodge where the Suffolk authorities continued with the procession, their intention being to dump the vans on land at Brandon in Norfolk

1904 12 12

Having been 'dumped' in Norfolk the Macedonian gypsies returned to Newmarket which offered facilities they could not resist. They wanted horses and in that town there were plenty with excellent spots where they could encamp. Attempts were made to get the party to proceed in the opposite direction but without success. The travellers were feeding nearly the whole of the way. They begged from house to house, some people gave them a large quantity of clothing but when they made a charge of a coal bunker had to be driven off with a hammer

1904 12 13

The Macedonian gypsies were moved from Newmarket to Six Mile Bottom, the number of followers increasing as the journey continued; by the time they got to Pampisford station they numbered at least 300. Essex police were waiting at Stump Cross but Cambs police decided to take them further into that county. They camped at Chesterford before passing on to Stansted where they were transferred to Hertfordshire police who will take them on to London. # GYPSIES

1904 12 13

Newmarket councillors were all aware that a certain gang of gypsies had been in the district and everyone saw what loathsome and dangerous people they were. The vice-chairman had followed as the caravans containing these verminous beings had been dragged to Brandon but they had then decided to come back. Essex, Herts and Cambridgeshire had decided these people should be moved on and the only county council that had failed to deal with the matter was West Suffolk. The police were responsible for the removal of the gypsies but they said they could spend no money to back up any actions.

1904 12 13

Newmarket health, p4 \*

1904 12 13

Newmarket council considered the rights of the public to exercise horses on the Severalls. A most respectable gentleman had been told to take his horse off and not go again. From time immemorial it had been used for all kinds of purposes: fairs, cricketing and even carpet-shaking; when the Americans were here they were allowed to gallop their horses on it. The Jockey Club had hired the land but the public had the right of exercising horses on it. If people were stopped they would go to Royston to train their horses and trade would be driven from the town.

1905 01 25

Newmarket heath, p4

1905 04 28

Newmarket heath highway robbery 300 years ago - 05 04 28b

1905 05 16

Newmarket Rural District Council discussed the tolls payable at the toll-gate on the Ness Road between Burwell and Fordham. They were a great inconvenience to travellers & the Crown Receivers would accept £600 for the purchase of the tolls, making the road free. Mr Ambrose has promised £100 and if the County Council would contribute £250 they should find the remainder. 05 05 16d

1905 05 19

Newmarket fire, p4

1905 05 20

The King was involved in an exciting scene at the conclusion of racing at Newmarket. Within a few minutes of the finish of the last race a steady stream of traffic poured from the Heath townwards, and in the dozens of vehicles of all sorts and description was the royal equipage. The vagaries of a motor car caused a sudden halt and although the driver of the King's carriage pulled up promptly the horse pulling one behind struck the King a sharp blow in the back with its head. His Majesty, though naturally startled and shaken was not at all injured. 05 05 20a

1905 07 11

Newmarket flooding, p4

1905 07 18

Visit Newmarket, p3

1905 08 31

Newmarket photo, p3

1905 09 14

The number of children inmates of the Newmarket Union Workhouse is too small to justify employing a teacher and for some years they have been sent to the Exning School. Then a new Exning Road Council School was erected less than ten minutes' walk from the Workhouse and the children admitted there without hesitation. But now the Education Committee wants 25s. a child per annum for their education which the Guardians have refused to pay. The children went to the school but were refused admission 05 09 14 & a

1905 10 31

King visits Newmarket – his drive – 05 10 31

1905 11 02

A halt occurred in Newmarket High Street when race traffic was at its height and Earl Cadogan's motor brougham was slightly damaged. In slowing up the driver of a vehicle backed into the motor car, smashing a pane of glass in the side of the hood. At Soham a horse and cart belonging to a man named Johnson, bolted. He was hawking vegetables when the animal took fright at a firework exploded by some children. It was brought to a standstill by Mr Saberton the butcher but one of the shafts of the cart was broken. 05 11 02

1905 11 11

Newmarket possesses two fire brigades: the Volunteer and the Jockey Club Owners and Trainers. Both have separate stations. The Volunteer possesses an engine but it is in very bad condition, the

parts which should be bright being thickly encrusted with rust. The Jockey Club has a more up-to-date engine which is in a neglected state but has not gone to rack and ruin to the same extent, though practically the whole of the hose is absolutely useless. 05 11 11b-d19005 11 14  
Newmarket horse and landau smash – 05 11 14b

1905 11 30

Two young women were charged with frequenting the streets of Cambridge for the purpose of prostitution. One explained she was a native of Dundee, living at a common lodging house; she had been a domestic servant at Newmarket but had to leave on account of illness. Being destitute she was obliged to 'go on the streets' for a living. 05 11 30a

1905 12 30

Newmarket cab, p3

1906 01 02

A Kirtling man was remanded at Newmarket police court, charged with the murder of his wife. A number of persons waited on the platform at the railway station in the hope of seeing the prisoner alight from the Cambridge train, but they were doomed to disappointment. He was conveyed by road in a two-horse conveyance but not a glimpse could be caught as it was driven into the yard at the rear of the police station. 06 01 02

1906 01 22

Newmarket is represented in Parliament by two MPs as it is in two different counties; residents of one side of the High Street are in Suffolk and will vote next week, the other Cambridgeshire. Here numerous carriages and carts drove electors to the polls. When a conveyance bearing a poster 'Vote for Guinness' passed through the streets cheers were at once raised but the motor car used on Mr Hardy's behalf was greeted with booing and hisses. One Conservative driver carried on the top of his silk 'topper' a loaf of bread, leaving electors to put their own construction on the meaning. 06 01 22b

1906 01 26

Newmarket hoardings, p3 \*

1906 02 06

Newmarket measles, p4

1906 03 01

An assault-at-arms at the Conservative Hall, Soham, included a ten-round boxing contest between 'Happy' Pinfield of Newmarket and 'Porkie' Archer of Soham. Pinfield proved himself the best boxer and hardly a minute had elapsed ere Archer had enough; he dodged through the ropes and hit behind the screen amidst the laughter of the spectators. Later Steve Canty guaranteed to defeat three men in nine rounds, but only two accepted the challenge and were quickly disposed of. 06 03 01b

1906 03 07

The Dolphin public house in Draper Row, Newmarket was old and in bad repair but was very convenient for the class of people who used it. They sometime put up 20 people a night, chiefly hawkers, and charged fourpence to sixpence each. During race nights 30 to 40 people slept there, magistrates were told. It provided a home for people who were struggling and had to get the utmost value for their money 06 03 07a & c

1906 05 02

Newmarket RDC read a letter enclosing a resolution passed unanimously at a large parish meeting at Wesley Waterless: "We wish to draw the attention of the Government and local authorities to our excessive rates which tend to depress the district, and make employment scarce. We also consider that the cost of education should be taken off the rates, and charged to imperial taxation". (Laughter, and hear, hear) 06 05 02

1906 05 14

The most gigantic and destructive fire seen in Newmarket for many years broke out at Stanley House, the training establishment of the Hon. George Lambton. In spite of the smoke and heat the horses were removed to other stables. Crowds journeyed up the Bury Road to watch. No sooner had chests of drawers containing clothes been removed from the buildings than a number of thieves got to work and several of the lads lost their clothes. All that remains standing of half the magnificent block of stables, one of the finest in the district, was the walls. 06 05 14 & a b

1906 06 06

Newmarket now possesses a splendidly-built and equipped miniature rifle range in the Drill Hall paddock. There is a need for a band of national defenders, and with the present Government in power and the War Office in its present state, the main defence of the country would be the Volunteer rifle-shooters. The Newmarket club now had 100 members. The range was opened by Lady Cooper who scored a bull's eye with a rifle which had been placed on a rest for her. 06 06 06 & a

1906 09 23

Newmarket fire, p3

1906 07 03

The King concluded his visit to the Earl of Sandwich at Hinchbrook Park and drove in his motor car to Newmarket. On his way through Cambridge the royal car was purposely driven more slowly than usual which enabled many people to catch a glimpse of His Majesty. He proceeded to Sir Ernest Cassel's house, Moulton Paddocks, where a Japanese garden with rustic bridges and dwarf trees has been recently added. 06 07 03a

1906 07 09

The Chief Constable reported the death of Inspector Sampson who had been in the force for 40 years. He was returning on his bicycle from duty at Newmarket when he collided with a traction engine and died in hospital. He hoped the committee would grant a pension to the man's widow. However it was doubtful whether he was still in the execution of his duty – he was returning home for his personal convenience. The auditor might question the payment and they should take counsel's opinion. But they granted a gratuity of £300. 06 07 09 & a

1906 07 10

Newmarket parody, p34

1906 07 11

Sergt Mobbs told magistrates he saw Ben Scrivener, an engine driver from Wood Ditton, driving a locomotive with two trucks attached in High Street, Newmarket. The funnel was emitting a great deal of smoke, filling the street. He followed it to the cemetery. The driver said he had a good load and was going uphill. He made no more smoke than he was obliged. He was fined one shilling. 06 07 11

1906 09 19

Newmarket fire machine, p4

1906 10 16

Newmarket town is now overbuilt: in 1879 Sir Richard Wallace began to sell his Queensbury estate in leasehold plots and the rage for building started. The real cause of empty houses in the town is that Newmarket is suffering from the deaths of Colonel McCalmont, Sir Blundell Maple, Prince Soltykoff and Sir James Miller, who all had large racing establishments. More horses and consequently more employment is wanted. Others say the capacity of the Heath has been reached by the number of horses at present in training. 06 10 16a & b

1906 20 30

Boxing at Newmarket town hall – 06 10 30d

1907 02 11

Newmarket councillors considered advertising the town's advantages as a residential resort. Their drainage system was one of the best, they never had any complaint about the water supply and the refuge destructor had already destroyed hundreds of tons of garbage. No other town was quieter, had less prostitution, drunkenness or rioting. Here they might see the most notable personages in the world to whom Newmarket was especially agreeable because they could go to and fro with the absence of all pomp and state. But they wanted more seats for invalids along the roads and there was very little amusement 07 02 11 & 11a

1907 02 22

Lifeboats made a fifth attempt during the night to reach the Berlin; they got so near that they could see four men in the deck smoking room, where they were sheltering from the waves which were continually breaking over the doomed wreck. Amongst the drowned we regret to record the names of Mr Lomax and Mr Jack Berry of Newmarket who were taking racehorses to the continent. J.F. Rollaston, the well-known jockey, is also supposed to be among the lost. 07 02 22

1907 03 14

Newmarket brigade received the alarm of a fire at Stetchworth Hall Farm at 11.45; within twenty minutes the engine was away. Captain Cooper was in charge with Firemen Glyde and Kemp. The other firemen followed in a trap. They arrived at 12.40 to find a range of stabling was on fire; within an hour they had it under control. 07 03 14

1907 05 23

Mr A. Hope, watchmaker of Sun Lane, Newmarket was awaked by heat. Dressed in his nightgown and slippers he endeavoured to collect watches left by his customers until being overpowered with smoke he smashed the glass front door of his shop. Messrs Faires and Rolph's outfitters premises alongside his was entirely destroyed together with the tailor's shop above. They are insured, but Mr Hope is not and his stock was damaged by water pouring through the ceiling. 07 05 23

1907 07 16

The King motored to Newmarket wearing a white motor cap and blue goggles. Several other cars arrived about the same time. Mrs Leopold de Rothschild, in voile, came just ahead of Mr Sassoon's car and only a few yards behind was Lady Noreen Bass who is staying at Godolphin House. Sir Daniel and Lady Cooper are entertaining at Warren Towers, the Earl of Ellesmere has his family at Stetchworth Park and most of the other big houses have their quota of visitors. 07 07 16

1907 07 18

Tie-pins set with diamonds were stolen from the residence of Lord Wolverton at Queensbury House, Newmarket. The police believe it was the work of a couple of expert thieves. There were many servants preparing for the visit of the King and the Prince of Wales and it is practically impossible for the thief to have walked coolly through the house without being noticed. The real object of their theft Lady Wolverton's valuable jewels but she had only just arrived and none had been removed from the jewel cases. 07 07 18

1907 07 23

Newmarket Council's surveyor asked them to pay for repairs to the bicycle he rode on council business. He had a twenty-two mile area to look after. But they had previously bought him a new bike on the condition he repaired it himself. They were not obliged to find him a bicycle at all – he should have his own. 07 07 23

1907 10 12

When Sanger's Circus marched into Cambridge from Newmarket, a roadman was sitting by the side of the road near the 'Paper Mills' devouring his breakfast. The observant eye of one of the elephants

was quick to perceive this, and stretching out his trunk he 'commandeered' the poor man's basket, which contained his dinner as well. 07 10 12b

1907 12 24

Mrs Mary Boon who kept a lodging house at Soham told an inquest that she could put up eleven men at her place. The deceased lodged occasionally with her and had been coming backwards and forwards several years. He was a steady man but had a glass of beer when he could afford it. His trade was to sharpen saws. Nobody knew his name but he answered to 'Bill'. He had paid 4d for his night's shelter and left for Ely but was found beside the road and died at Newmarket workhouse - 07 12 24

1908 01 03

On Saturday morning a badger was noticed sitting in a hole near a haystack at High Town Drove, Burwell. The animal appeared to be very fierce and attacked a dog whose owner promptly killed it. It was shown to the Vicar who pronounced it a very fine specimen of the English badger. The owner took it to Newmarket for sale, where he was offered five shillings for it. He refused and took it back to Burwell where he eventually accepted one-and-six. It is many years since a badger has been seen here. 08 01 03b

1908 03 17

Last September a cinematograph entertainment was given by the Gaumont Company at Newmarket. The operator jarred the machine and a piece of hot lime ignited one of the films. In trying to extinguish the flames he knocked over the lantern, the cylinder of gas ignited and there was a rush for the door. One lady was thrown into the flames and so terribly injured that she died in hospital. The company had paid her funeral expenses. Now her husband demanded damages: she had earned 10s a week at the laundry and his prospects of work were much reduced since a married man had a better chance of a respectable position than an unmarried one. 08 03 17

1908 04 13

Much anxiety was occasioned at Newmarket owing to the non-appearance of the Royal motor car in which Queen Alexandra and the Emperor of Russian were travelling. One absurd report was that Anarchists were to blame. Cyclists went out as search parties and Supt Winters set off in a private car in search of the Royals. The chauffeur had taken a wrong turning and the Queens were lost for the better part of an hour as the car threaded the maze of country lanes around Fordham. A burst tyre caused further delay and they were nearly an hour late. 08 04 13

1908 05 02

One of the most successful public entertainments ever held in Newmarket was brought off at the Victoria Theatre to raise money to renovate the organ of St Mary's church. It featured a concert with living pictures, a form of tableaux vivants, and was under exalted patronage with most of the racing gentry lending their names. At the close the High Street was lined with motors and horse carriages waiting for the audience to pour out. 08 05 02c

1908 05 06

The King motored from Bucking Palace to St Pancras and left by the 5.7 train for Newmarket. A special saloon had been attached for his use and tea was already laid. At Cambridge the Royal saloon was detached and was run as a special to Newmarket which was reached shortly before seven. His Majesty subsequently motored to Moulton Paddocks and dined with Sir Edward Cassell. He will motor back on Friday. 08 05 06a

1908 05 13

Prior to 1906 Newmarket police executed distress warrants for rates but afterwards the overseers employed a Cambridge man to collect them. He was paid on commission but gained only a scanty livelihood as a collector of debts and had taken £1.18.0 ((£1.90) to pay for his food and lodgings. There was no defence. The prisoner asked for ink and paper to take notes but soon desisted and without attempting to cross-examine, pleaded guilty. 08 05 13a



1908 06 26

Newmarket workhouse was a fashionable hotel for tramps. At some workhouses they got hot tea, at others half a pound of bread and water. On Sundays when people came out of chapel the tramps sang sacred songs, and coppers were thrown to them. One took six shillings in a night. Tramps hid their money, if anyone could find their hidden savings, they would get a good deal of cash, Guardians were told. CWN 08 06 26 p7

1908 07 03

King Edward VII, accompanied by Colonel Fortescue and Sir Ernest Cassel, inspected Grafton House, a large mansion nearly opposite the Jockey Club in Newmarket High Street, next to the Duke of Devonshire's residence. Sir Ernest Cassel purchased the property after the death of its owner, Baron de Hirsch, who lived there for many years. 08 07 03 p8

1908 08 07

A stableman lodging at the Bushel Inn, Newmarket, was accused of selling indecent postcards. Mrs Emily Marshall said he offered to sell her three picture postcards which he showed her and which he eventually sold to a man in the Duke of Cambridge pub. Defendant denied that the cards were indecent and said they were exhibited in a shop window at Newmarket. He was fined twelve-and-six. 08 08 07

1908 08 14

Newmarket trainers discussed the dangers and annoyance caused by inconsiderate motorists. A 10 mph speed limit had been imposed in 1906 and since then 20 motorists had been summonsed. But it was not being observed and police were hampered by the action of the Automobile Association's motor scouts; they wore their badge with the white side shown if the road was clear but turned it to the red side if the police were on motor patrol duty. 08 08 14 p2

1908 08 22

A wise woman living in a village near Newmarket does a good business in spells and charms, from wart curing to love philtres. She has cured thousands of warts by rubbing the root of a dandelion on the hard skin to the accompaniment of some incantation gibberish. On stormy nights she is still fondly believed by many people to go for midnight rides on a broomstick – or so claims a London paper hard up for copy during the silly season. CWN 08 08 22 p5

1908 09 04

During the past few days several well-known people have passed away at Soham. Ebenezer Taylor, cab proprietor, died at the advanced age of 78. He was in business for over 40 years & before the opening of the Ely and Newmarket railway line, 28 years ago, the supply of vehicles and horses was much more important than at the present time. Fyson Johnson, blacksmith, was in his 67th year, Martin Bradshaw, bricklayer was 73, and both were trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel. This succession of deaths has cast quite a gloom over the town. CWN 08 09 04 p8

1908 09 25

Newmarket widow's plea re pensions – 08 09 25 02

1908 09 25

Newmarket councillors discussed problems over servants. One reported that his daughter, who kept a registry office, could get situations for 50 girls but could find none to fill the places. However another said his wife had six girls in her Sunday school class who were anxious to get into service. Many girls who are willing to enter domestic service are totally unfitted for the work whilst the more capable ones are now being educated and seeking other employment. CWN 08 09 25 p5



1908 10 30

Newmarket's new railway station is the smartest and most up-to-date in the kingdom, the pride of the inhabitants and the envy of all visitors. It was opened in 1902 replete with every convenience, electric light and commodious refreshment rooms. On Cesarewitch day 1,032 first and 1,656 third-class passengers left by the return specials alone. In striking contrast Cambridge station is dismal and dirty. CWN 08 10 30 p5

1908 12 03

Newmarket allotments meeting – 08 12 03

1909 01 15

Newmarket licensees were warned that under the new Children Act no children were permitted in any place where drink was paid for and consumed. But the regulations affected only the working classes and did not apply to a man who could afford to go into a hotel or to railway refreshment rooms. It was ridiculous that people on holiday who went into a public house for refreshment must leave their children outside. Children would hear no worse language inside than that in the street. CWN 09 01 15

1909 03 19

Several families were burnt out of their homes by a disastrous fire which occurred at West Wrattling. It started in Mr Marfleet's grocer's shop and the extended until a heap of ruins covered an area fully a quarter of an acre in extent. A saddler's shop was only saved when the wind veered round. The only water supply was a pond on the opposite side of the road and this was drained quite dry by the time the flames were extinguished. One of the Newmarket Brigade was struck on the face and injured by a stone while engaged with the manual engine. 09 03 19

1909 03 19

A Newmarket telegraphist was accused of betting on certainties. From the office he could hear the results of races and telegraphed bets down to a London firm using a code name 'Cuckoo'. Bets would only be recognised if they were timed fifteen minutes before the race was run but he devised a method of beating the system. Post Office officials were alerted when they received an anonymous letter signed 'Trainer' saying the clerk had been doing a great deal of betting and that it was time to stop it. Any servant of the Post Office would be liable to be dismissed for betting. 09 03 19

1909 04 17

The north wing of Exning House was almost completely burnt out. There was a strange Sunday afternoon scene on the lawns as the 20 servants rushed about saving such things as seemed more valuable. Their bedrooms and belongings were destroyed and they were sent down in motor cars to Newmarket where lodgings were taken. During the blaze a fireman was badly injured when molten lead fell on his neck and back. 09 04 17

1909 09 17

The danger of fire at cinematographic exhibitions, such as that at Newmarket a couple of years ago which caused fatal panic, has now been eliminated. A demonstration of the new Mansell cinematographic machines was given at Cambridge Guildhall. The lantern is guaranteed fireproof and enclosed in an iron operating house. Even under circumstances of the grossest carelessness, which no operator would ever risk, all that would happen is that just two inches of film would be fired. 09 09 17

1909 11 12

An exciting incident occurred at the Mill Drove Railway Crossing near Soham. Charles Aspland was coming from his farm bringing a portable horse-drawn hen house filled with young fowls which had been turned out some days on a corn field. One of its wheels got jammed between the railway line and the wooden floor of the crossing and try as he would he could not get it free. Suddenly the Newmarket special train with racehorses for Liverpool dashed into the henhouse splintering it across the line and killing 35 of the fowls. The engine sustained no damage whatsoever. CWN 09 11 12

1909 11 26

Mr Dennis, a man of the utmost credence in Isleham, states quite seriously that on Tuesday night he saw a floating light in the sky. Struck by the unusual spectacle he watched it proceed in a straight light across the railroad and on to Fordham. Mr Dilley, the Newmarket and Isleham carrier was on the road near Fordham at the same time but saw nothing. CWN 09 11 26

19 10 01 21

An attack was made on the Newmarket Liberal Club premises. Showers of stones smashed the windows and poured into the billiard room, where the members took refuge as best they could in the cupboards or under the table. The fusillade of stones continued for quite half-an-hour until scarcely a window was left unbroken. Earlier thirty school lads had been round the club beating cans with sticks and singing the chorus: 'Vote for Tariff Reforms, my boys, Vote for Tariff Reform', after which members of the Liberal Club had thrown water and ginger-beer bottles at them. 10 01 21g.

1910 01 28

General election – Soham, Fordham – 10 01 28d, Newmarket, Burwell, Ely – 10 01 28e

1910 02 25

The high ground near Cherry Hinton was the scene of some interesting military operations. For several hours the Gogs resounded with the crackle of rifle fire and the thunder of artillery as the tide of battle rolled slowly from Reservoir Hill past the Golf Links until arrested at Limepit Hill. The operations supposed that the Great Eastern Railway line was the frontier between two states which had mobilised their troops. A cavalry brigade at Newmarket was reinforced by some infantry and guns and Fulbourn was fortified. 10 02 25m & n

1910 04 01

There was an accident at Dullingham Station when some wagons jumped the rails. Three timber trucks were thrown over and three cattle trucks overturned. Breakdown gangs were summoned and the up line was cleared in three-and-a-half hours. A number of sleepers, and chairs were smashed but these could be quickly replaced. The difficulty was to get rid of the overturned waggons before the down line could open. The Newmarket stationmaster sent passenger trains to Fordham and thence by the Quay and Swaffham line to Cambridge. 10 04 01

1910 04 08

J. Carter applied to renew a hackney carriage licence for his brake to allow it to ply for hire in Newmarket as he had for 36 years. He was the father of 13 children, 11 of whom lived with him in Burwell, but they are fed and clothed with goods purchased in Newmarket. He purchased all his provisions, clothes and boots in the town and spent considerably more there than he earned from his trade. He'd had the brake made especially for the races and it was as good as any other. Police said brakes were useful but they were used by a certain class (pickpockets etc) who could not operate so well in landaus. The application was granted. 10 04 08e

1910 08 21

Mr Bentick, shoemaker of Palace Street, Newmarket, was cycling near Fordham when his attention was attracted by the cries of a woman in a ditch. He questioned a man who said he had only known her a couple of days and they had tramped from Ely that morning. He added that she was ill and did not know what was the matter. Mr Bentick, who is the father of a family, grasped the situation immediately and rendered such assistance as he could until a couple of nurses arrived from the Infectious Hospital close by. Then the woman and her new-born child were conveyed to Newmarket Infirmary. 10 08 21k

1910 12 02

John Crampton came to Sawston nearly 50 years ago where has developed the printing, publishing and mineral water business of Messrs Crampton and Son Ltd. A branch of the mineral water business has also been established at Newmarket. He was one of the promoters of the Eastern Counties Leather

and Parchment Company as well as a councillor, Visitor of Fulbourn Asylum and member of the Old Age Pensions Committee. His death has caused a blank in the village life and on every hand expressions of sorrow testify to the regard in which he was held 10 12 02l

1911 08 11

A motorist dining at the Rutland Hotel, Newmarket, gave orders for petrol to be brought and the tank of his car filled. The order was undertaken by an assistant named 'Bert', who is temporarily taking the place of the usual boots. Having obtained the petrol he proceeded to fill the tank. He placed a lighted candle on the seat of the motor-car but in the very hot weather petrol vaporises rapidly and appears to have reached the flame of the candle igniting it. The assistants at the hotel did their best in pouring water on the motor to check the flames but the petrol burnt itself out 11 08 11c & e

1911 08 18

Addenbrooke's Hospital death under chloroform; anaesthetist exonerated. Richard Harris son of Newmarket licensee 11 08 18b

1911 09 22

When Mr & Mrs George Verrall went to live at Sussex Lodge, Newmarket, they offered prizes for the best devices of wild flowers by local children. On May Day morning the grounds of the Lodge were full of garland-bearing youngsters. Mr Verrall was interested in the flora and would scan the garlands and note every bloom. He could tell at a glance where certain uncommon flowers, such as the Pasque or Eastern flower, had been gathered. He loved to come across something unusual. It is doubtful whether the prizes gave half the pleasure to the children that the flowers themselves gave to him. 11 09 22 & a

1912 01 05

A distressing case came before magistrates at Newmarket court. Police were called to Dyson's lodging house where a woman had been told to leave because of her unpleasantness to other lodgers. She had taken her five children into the street where rain was falling in torrents. Police had suggested they go to the Union, out of the wet, but she'd refused, saying "Before I go there I will cut the throats of the lot of them". She was very excitable and had been drinking. They took her to the police station and the children were sent to the workhouse. The woman told the court that her husband had no regular work for two years. They had been turned out of a house in Cambridge as she could not pay the rent. A man had given her sixpence and they'd come by train to Newmarket 12 01 05h

1912 02 09

The manager of the Coronation Hotel, Newmarket was awakened by his dog and found smoke coming into the room through the chinks in the doorway. On opening the door he was met by a volume of smoke pouring in from the corridor. Finding the usual outlet to the street barred he went round to the back and lowered himself by a knotted sheet from a window. The heat of the flames cracked the liqueur and spirit bottles which added to the flames but six dozen bottles of Bass, when broken, assisted in extinguishing them. 12 02 09f

1912 03 08

Whatever hardships may be inflicted on Cambridge inhabitants through the coal strike, it is improbable that their linen will have to go unwashed. Most laundries have a good supply of coke. The situation at Haverhill is generally favourable: Messrs Gurteen, the staple industry, has ample supplies but the coal merchants are nearing exhaustion. However at Saffron Walden the street lamps have not been lighted for two nights and the gas has been at a lower pressure. Newmarket unaffected, Ely not alarmed – 12 03 08d 12 03 08c

1912 04 19

Newmarket was only 53 miles from the sea. If a hostile force landed on the Suffolk coast a stand might be made at Needham Market and a battle might take place at Bury St Edmunds resulting in 1,100 casualties. Where would they be taken, fed and nursed? Voluntary Aid Detachments trained

men and women to give aid to the sick and wounded in the event of this country being invaded. Otherwise they would be neglected and left to look after themselves, Newmarket section of the British Red Cross Society was told 12 04 19 & a

1912 09 13

Newmarket street light battle, gas v electricity – 12 09 13c

1912 09 13

Manoeuvres – Newmarket operations – 12 09 13i & j & l

1913 01 03

Cambs Quarter sessions – theft of umbrella, Newmarket; Gamlingay fowl stealing

1913 01 03

Newmarket fire disused stable, High Street

1913 02 14

Cambridge licensing – pubs closed Crystal Palace in Mill Rd, Priory Tap Newmarket Road, Bell in Northampton St; are 250 licences, Star Brewery apply sell smaller quantities of beer from brewery 13 02 14 p9

1913 02 28

Newmarket magistrates heard that a motor car had run into a racehorse near the Jubilee Clock Tower late at night. A bone in the animal's leg was fractured. The driver admitted negligent driving but disputed the amount of the damages. The owners say the horse was worth £1,000 before the accident, now just £25. But it had never won a race. It was a curious thing that whenever there was an accident with a motor, the value seemed to appreciate. A cab horse run into by a motor bus was sure to be a most wonderful horse. The value had only depreciated by £200. The jury awarded £350. 13 02 28

1913 03 21

The Senior Steward of the Jockey Club laid the foundation-stone of the King Edward VII Memorial Hall to be erected on a site in Newmarket High Street presented by Sir Ernest Cassel. It will be a handsome red-brick building, seating about 700, designed by A.S. Manning. Their lamented Sovereign always felt an affection towards Newmarket that was deeply reciprocated by the townspeople. It gave great satisfaction to know that King George feels the same way. 13 03 21 p2

1913 03 28

On Easter Monday Richard Harvey, of Isleham, made an attempt to walk 50 miles in ten hours on the road between the Crown Hotel Newmarket and the July course toll bar. But after 24 miles he complained of a stitch in his side and gave up. Later he continued the walk, covering another ten miles. He attributes his failure to drinking port wine with eggs. Had he stuck to beer he thinks he would have succeeded 13 03 28 p4

1913 04 18

The enterprising Newmarket and District 'Bus Company plans a motor bus service for Soham on market days departing from the Crown Hotel at 12.30 on Tuesdays and arriving at Newmarket an hour later. On Thursdays they leave from the Market Square for Ely. The vehicles, supplied by the London General 'Bus Companies, present an exceedingly smart appearance, being painted yellow picked out with dark blue. They have electric light and are exceptionally quiet running. The company has already started a service of buses between Burwell and Newmarket, doing three journeys a day 13 04 18 p11

1913 05 09

Suffragists speaking at the Rutland Hall Newmarket were interrupted by shouting, booing and the singing of 'I want to go to Dixie' and 'Have a banana'. Then a percussion cracker was thrown against the wall, sounding like a revolver shot. Afterwards the ladies were escorted out of the back door by

police to where a motor was waiting. In Cambridge an attempt was made to set fire to the Varsity Rugby pavilion using an improvised bomb in a mustard tin. A card reading 'Votes for Women' was found near by together with a ladies shoe, left when she hurried away after lighting the fuse. And a sensation was caused at a leading Cambridge hotel when a square paper parcel labelled 'Votes for Women' was discovered in the lounge. It was quickly removed to a place of safety but on examination was found to contain nothing more explosive than a block of wood 13 05 16 p4, 7, 12

1913 05 23

Future of Newmarket – incorporation into county

1913 07 25

Newmarket Town back to Football Association

1913 11 21

Newmarket Guardians received a letter from Fred Starling of East End, Isleham which read: "I, the said Frederick Starling, kindly ask the Board to find me a wife between 65 and 70. I am a bird-catcher, and have a comfortable room for a respectable woman". Mr Robins said he must be difficult to please if he could not find a wife in Isleham. The Master said he had no one to recommend 13 11 21 p4

1914 02 27

King's Visit.—The King's visit to the Leys School, Cambridge, has been definitely fixed for April 30. The visit is, by the King's wishes, to be regarded as being specially made to the school. His Majesty will not be accompanied by the Queen. The new school building will not be completed by the end of April, but the work is being pressed on and it is hoped to have it so far advanced that His Majesty may be the first formal entrant by the new gateway. The King will be staying at Newmarket for the First Spring Meeting, and he will probably motor over to the Leys. 1914 02 27

1914 05 01e

A Guineas Victim.—"Guineas" week, and one recalls (says a writer), perhaps, the most unfor-giving enemy Newmarket ever made. Coke o' Norfolk went to the races there when a young man, lost his money and never forgave the scene of his discomfiture to the end of his days. He went further. He taught his son to regard the place with abhorrence. Whenever he was obliged to cross the Heath he made a point of drawing the blinds of his chariot, and would say to his son: "Tom, remember, when you pass over Newmarket, don't omit to draw the blind: never look at the place".— 1914 05 01

1914 07 03

Lamb Sale— The 32nd annual lamb sale was held by Mr. R. T. Simpson at Newmarket on Friday, when 2,200 Suffolk ewe and wether and 450 half-breds were penned from noted flocks in the district. The numbers were about 500 short of last year, partly accounted for, of course, by the smaller fall of lambs this season. The quality, however, was a marked improvement upon the previous year, the lambs, taken all through, being full of condition and strong. There was a very large attendance of buyers from Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambs and Herts. Trade was sharp, with an advance on last year's sale of 6s to 7s per head for best lambs and 2s on middle-class. The top price obtained for Suffolk was 53s. which was paid for a pen of two-score wether from Mr. J. E. Clover's flock. The highest figure for half-breds was reached in 43s. given for 50 first-cross from Mr. P. Holland, Kennett— 1914 07 03

1914 07 10

Newmarket hospital parade

1914 07 17

Death of the Earl of Ellesmere. — The death occurred on Monday morning of the Earl of Ellesmere at Bridgewater, where he had been lying for some days in a critical condition The news was received with great regret at Stetchworth and Newmarket, where His Lordship was very popular and always

regarded as a first rate sportsman and landlord He was born in 1847, and while he was still at school his father died, and he succeeded to the family titles and estates as third Earl of Ellesmere. The Earl took a comparatively small part in politics, his chief interest, apart from the many claims his wealth and position made upon him. Being given to racing, Lord Ellesmere leaves surviving four sons and five daughters. His eldest son, Viscount Brackley, who succeeds to the title, was born in 1872, is married and has three daughters – 1914 07 17

1914 08 07

Local farmers have expressed fears they will not be able to get through their harvest because the Government wants their horses for military purposes. But definite instructions have been given not to take any horses required for harvest. At the same time horses are greatly needed and the public will be doing a great and patriotic service if they will place all they can possibly spare at the disposal of the government by notifying the nearest police station. Major Phillips of the Hussars is in Newmarket purchasing hacks for the Government. Prices offered are as high as £50 for anything special. Army officers and men are similarly engaged in Cambridge

1914 08 14

Red Cross hospitals have been equipped throughout the county. At Cottenham 40 beds are ready at one hour's notice, 25 are ready for wounded at Histon Council School, Oakington has 15. At Waterbeach the Baptist Sunday Schoolroom is equipped as a hospital with nurses in uniform presenting a neat appearance. At Newmarket thirty beds are fitted in the King Edward VII Memorial Hall. Should 100 wounded men be sent further beds will be fitted in the Astley Institute, Town Hall and Technical Institute. 14 08 14 p8

1914 11 06

Wounded – Hudson of Pampisford, Douglas-Pennard of Newmarket, Heal

1914 12 04

A deserter from the Liverpool Regiment has been arrested on a charge of bogus billeting at various villages. Dressed in khaki, he called at Gt Chesterford and said he was seeking billets for 3,000 troops. He found lodgings with a poor woman who took him in out of sympathy. He had bed supper and breakfast and then left, saying his superiors would pay his account. Nothing has since been heard of him. He then visited Newmarket where he saw the Vicar and made arrangement for the Church House rooms for the use of the troops. The rooms were cleared and made ready for the arrival of the soldiers, but none have arrived.

1914 12 11

Newmarket council contacted Lord Kitchener at the War Office over news that the yeomanry would had to leave the town following agitation by two or three trainers. The great majority of people would be sorry if they left. Most trainers had no objection to the horses of the yeomanry coming there but they had to undergo medical inspection. Newmarket Heath had been placed at their disposal by the Jockey Club. The order was withdrawn \*

1914 12 25

Newmarket Rifle Range free for soldiers

1915 09 03

Suicide Newmarket deaf & dumb consumptive

1918 06 05

A Crying Shame. There are some people who are safely sheltered in this country at the expense of so much misery and suffering on the part of others to whom danger and the instant need of meeting it makes no appeal. On Monday evening taxicabs were hastening in bustling procession between the railway station and the hotels with packed loads of burly shirkers on their way to the racing at Newmarket, and at night the streets were filled with men whose very



atmosphere was an offence to decency. We wish those in high authority to understand most emphatically that Cambridge protests against being made the dumping ground of such undesirables. It is urged that we must have racing in order to further the breeding of horses. Very good. What we are concerned with is that we should not, as a nation, foster the production of ruffians, and that is exactly what most conspicuously horse-racing does as at present conducted. Let the Government stop betting on the course as it stops betting and gambling in places within the meaning of the Act, and we venture to predict that horse-racing would be purged of its most offensive and demoralising accompaniments, and we should no longer be troubled at Cambridge with the presence of the hulking loafers who mark the arrival of a Newmarket week. How these men escape the military must ever remain a mystery.

1920 06 16

Fire Discovered,—Early on Sunday a fire was discovered in the stable-lads' dining room at Stanley House (Mr. G. Lambton's place at Newmarket). Mr. J. Cannon directed the lads in charge of the stable hose and the fire was put out before the local fire engine arrived. The damage is estimated at £400.

1922 04 11

The Army hut which is to serve as a club house for members of the Newmarket branch of the British Legion was formally opened by Earl Cordovan. The entrance door opens on the canteen, a very important part of the economy of any club. On the left hand side of the bar are the reading and card rooms, comfortably furnished and warmed by stoves. On the right of the bar is the billiard room with one full-sized table, Mr J. Jarvis has given a silver cup to be played for by the members. The ground is the property of the Jockey Club who have kindly let it to the Legion at a peppercorn rent of £1 a year

1922 07 12

The monthly meeting of the Newmarket Urban Council was held in the new Council Chamber at Godolphin House. The Chairman said the rooms were more convenient and healthier for the Council and their staff than the old Town Hall where the staff were labouring under great difficulties. Council might expect that under better conditions they would get more work from the staff.

1922 08 31

The Newmarket Boy Scouts returned home after a delightful fortnight's camp at Heacham, a village two miles from Hunstanton. The weather was generally fine and the Scouts bore very cheerfully such rain as came along. Everything in camp was hearty and everybody was in good spirits. There was no sickness, no accidents. A little trouble with the lads of the village was dealt with. Five village lads used their catapults to bombard the camp, and two Scout boys were hit, but not hurt. A party of Jewish young ladies coming down on a holiday fund excursion rather troubled the camp, but this was soon settled.

1922 10 04

Since the extension of the franchise to women, and largely because of this, there have been started in the villages of the country social centres for women which are called Women's Institutes, for the purpose of instructing women as to their new duties as active political citizens, and for social intercourse generally. In order to stimulate the movement a meeting was called in Newmarket. The speaker said women who found themselves face to face with the responsibility of the vote sometimes realised how little they knew. One man she knew was so enthusiastic about the institute that he actually volunteered to mind the baby while his wife went to the Institute. And when he was told that while he was minding one baby he might as well mind six he consented to do that - (applause) – so that five other women could go with his wife.

1922 11 22

A meeting of the Newmarket Memorial General Committee was held at the Council Chamber. The Chairman said that he had spoken to "Mr.X" as to a site for the nurses' home near the Jubilee Clock, but that gentleman had told him that he was reserving the land there for another purpose. What was wanted for the nurses' home was two bedrooms, one for each nurse and a spare bedroom, a small



dressings room for dressing small cases, and a largish room which could be made into a ward for four or six children. The secretary said he had £951.2s.6d in the bank

1923 02 28

Newmarket building strike – 23 02 28 p3

1923 07 16

The annual meeting of the Royal Eastern Counties Institution for the Mentally Defective, Colchester, was held at the Memorial hall Newmarket. The chairman said they had six patients in the institution from Newmarket and the neighbourhood, and these cases were costing to maintain about £150 more every year than was received in subscriptions from Newmarket and district. One had been in since 1902, another since 1905 and another since 1914. Mr Cole said they should bear in mind that Newmarket was only a small town, although some people called it a gold mine, and if they compared it with some of the other towns they would see that Newmarket subscriptions were very creditable. Ely they looked upon as a sort of heaven but the good people of Ely only gave £70, while the bad town of Newmarket gave twice as much.

1923 09 13

At Newmarket Board of Guardians the Clerk read a circular letter stating the facilities for emigration and giving the labour needs of the various colonies. Rev. S.F. Cunningham said he often saw young fellows of 19, 20 or 21 years of age standing about idle, with the exception of harvest time and odd jobs. Some of the more energetic boys had emigrated, and they were writing home to say they were doing well. They had repaid their passage money out of their wages. Agriculture at home was not as prosperous as it used to be, and they could very well send out some of their surplus population for the good of themselves and for the good of the empire as well

1923

Papyrus was given his final gallop at Newmarket yesterday and gave a smooth display. A special train will convey him from Newmarket to Cambridge and on to Southampton. He will sail in the Aquitania and should arrive in New York on 28th. The interior of his box is lined all round with air cushions of a thickness of about 10 inches. Should this loose box by any remote chance be washed overboard the pneumatic padding would keep him afloat. The fittings from his own stable at Newmarket have been used in the construction of the box. Bar Gold, his stable companion, and the black cat and kitten, also friends, will accompany him on the voyage.

1923 10 22

The news that Papyrus had been beaten by six lengths at Belmont Park, near New York, was received in Newmarket with disappointment. Of course there are excuses to be made for the horse. The voyage was against him in the first place. But perhaps his greatest handicap was that he ran in English plates, admirable for racing on turf, but not for the unfamiliar dirt track. The American horses had a special kind of shoe, which by long experience they have found best for a heavy muddy track. But there was a very strong hope that the Newmarket horse would overcome all his difficulties

1923

When the Newmarket war memorial committee found itself with a balance in hand after paying for the war memorial on the Severalls, they decided to devote it to building a nursing home and further subscriptions were solicited. The committee obtained the assistance of H R H Princess Mary to perform the opening ceremony, and this took place yesterday. Mr Seymour Cole said, "This town of Newmarket stands out for its loyalty. It loves the Royal family collectively and individually and it certainly loves Princess Mary"

1924 01 10

Newmarket job masters p4 \*

1924 01 24

The railway strike proceeds at Newmarket with much less inconvenience to the public than once anticipated. There are few hurdle racehorses here and these can be provided for by road motor horse boxes. There are four passenger trains running to Newmarket and on Wednesday one luggage train ran from Ipswich with seven wagons containing flour and heavy goods. Lighter goods are arriving by passenger train. Opinion here is hopeful the drivers will accept the offer to close the strike

1924 04 15c

Newmarket council heard there were 139 unfit houses in the town and 34 in Exning. There were a number of families whose bread-winners work in Newmarket, but for lack of houses they had been forced to get cottages in the surrounding rural districts. The council had satisfied themselves that the demand for houses could not be met without public assistance. There was no building going on, or likely to go on in the district in regard to the type of houses proposed

1924 06 14c

On Thursday last we published a description of a lad who had been missing from his Newmarket home. Before 10 o'clock on the following morning a telegram was received by his parents stating that he had been seen in Cambridge. The mother at once took train, and on the arrival found the lad safe and well. It appears the boy had determined to run away from home. He made for Cambridge and, getting a lift on a brewers dray, arrived at the town. The parents wish to thank the Cambridge Daily News for publishing the description which has been the means of relieving their anxiety as to their boy.

1924 09 02c

A notable Newmarket figure has passed away. Mr Robert Rodrigo served an apprenticeship in the stable of the late Mr Tom Jennings and about 1870 became a trainer at Middleton Cottage with a string of sixteen racehorses. He became the Newmarket correspondent of "The Sportsman", "The Sporting Life" and "The Sporting Chronicle". He was a sound judge of horses and of men & his turf career was as successful as it was honourable

1924 09 29c

Newmarket council discussed the erection of 12 non-parlour houses in The Rows. The Ministry would not approve them unless the fixed bath was placed in a bathroom, but they could make one by putting a partition in the scullery. Mr Challice preferred a brick copper to a gas one: "If a woman has a bit of rubbish she can burn it and keep the copper boiling. A gas copper is all very well for a lady who has a handkerchief and bit of chiffon to wash and sends the rest to Cambridge or elsewhere. But it is not the most economical for a heavy wash"

1925 02 13

The Bill to electrify Cambs., Beds & Hunts comes before Parliament this session. A great generating station will be erected at Lt Barford. At first they propose to develop the central area including St Neots, St Ives and Ely & to give a supply in bulk to Cambridge and Newmarket. To help the electrical development of the railways it is proposed to link up with the transmission lines of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company and to afford a supply to the main railway lines within the area

1925 04 02

Most people in Cambridge saw the giant R.33 airship as she passed over on her flight from Cardington to Pulham air station, Norfolk. Those who were not aware of the intended flight were attracted by the noise of the engines and were rather surprised to see the ponderous vessel instead of a battalion of aeroplanes. She passed over Cambridge at about 8.30 and proceeded via Newmarket. The flight was of an experimental nature and on arrival at Pulham the R.33 carried out a number of air manoeuvres.

1925 04 03

Newmarket council heard that work on the Rows housing site was proceeding slowly owing to illness amongst the men. At one time half the bricklayers were away. The first pair of houses have now been plastered, and some of the joinery fixed. The third and fourth pair are roofed in, and stairs are fixed in the third pair. Of the sixth pair the brickwork has been carried up about three feet above the floor level. Foundations have been dug on the Stamford street site and the specifications drawn up for the Laureate Paddocks site.

1925 05 02

May Day in Newmarket was bleak and cold, nevertheless the children kept up the old custom of garland weaving and garlands of various shapes and sizes were carried through the streets by young people with an eye to the largesse of passengers. At Sussex Lodge the custom of giving prizes for the most artistically woven garlands still prevails. The purple anemone, that locally grows only on the Devil's Ditch, furnished splashes of dark colour among the light yellow primulas, marsh marigolds and buttercups.

1925 09 01

There is an epidemic of scarlet fever in the district and the Newmarket fever hospital is full. Some patients are being sent to Cambridge Fever Hospital at an expense of 2½ guineas a week. At present the accommodation for nurses in the hospital is so limited that nurses have to sleep in the wards used for cases brought in and suspected of infectious disease before any fever has developed. The Hospital Board are strongly in favour of providing more accommodation for the nurses but the slow progress of the Newmarket Housing scheme and the fact that there is practically no unemployment in the building trade has rendered it inadvisable to divert labour to the extension of the fever hospital

1925 09 12

Newmarket Urban Council considered handing over the administration of certain allotments to the Newmarket Allotments Association Ltd. The allotments to be handed over are the Ditton allotments, the White Gate allotments, the Railway allotments & the Field terrace allotments. The Association is to pay an annual rent of £190 a year and to maintain the hedges, fences, roads and boundary stakes in as good order & condition as now. Two entrances at the bottom of the Field Terrace road would be stopped up which would leave additional plots of ground surplus to requirements, but the Council may offer these for sale as building plots at some future date.

1925 11 12

During the Newmarket race meeting season gangs of card twisters took out railway tickets to cover the period and 'worked' the trains between Newmarket and London. People were enticed to play, or if they refused, they were in serious danger of being assaulted. A Cambridge undergraduate was deprived of two banker's cheques, valued at £10, by the three card trick whilst playing in the train. As a result two men were sentenced to four month's imprisonment

1926 01 23

The Jockey Club appealed against the assessment of their racecourses and training grounds at Newmarket. They have 20 appeals spread over various parishes and are claiming that the gross estimated rental and rateable value of the property are excessive. The cost of training was "getting on for double" of that of 10 years ago.

1926 03 16

Newmarket council considered an application in respect of a proposed new cinema at Stamford House, High Street. Mr C. Reeve said the council should consider their own "white elephant", the Memorial Hall, on which they had lost £200-£300 a year. And they ought not to take building men off the necessary work of building cottages for the people, this application could wait. Mr Dring said it was time there was something more up to date; the application would improve the house and employ labour. There were plenty of men to build the cottages and build the cinema as well. The licence was granted.

1926 03 17

At Newmarket council Mr Dring called attention to the case of small-pox at Cambridge and asked what measures of protection there were against the disease being imported into Newmarket. Small-pox might be brought in railway carriages. Could these carriages be disinfected. The Medical Officer said it had not been overlooked.

1926 05 19

Newmarket Emergency Committee reported that although the General Strike was declared off yet the coal strike was still on. They allowed several appeals for extra coal in the cases of sickness or young children. There were 487 tons of house coal, 320 tons of steam coal and 97 tons of coke on sale. The Master of the Workhouse had a good supply and the Guardians would probably allow coal being sold in small quantities.

1926 06 09

Newmarket surveyor reported the correspondence he had had with the Automobile Association with respect to the signs relating to 10 mph limit through the town. They alleged that a prosecution had taken place for exceeding the speed limit which had arisen through a motorist proceeding from a side street where was no sign. He said two of the speed limit indication signs, one in the Avenue and one in Rous Road were now down and it was resolved that they be re-erected.

1926 06 16

A meeting of the Women's Peacemakers' Pilgrimage was attended by a large audience at Cambridge Guildhall. In the next war they would have aeroplanes dropping poisonous bombs that would destroy civilians who had never been near the firing line. They must create such an atmosphere of repugnance that the nations dare not go to war. There were hundreds of people in Newmarket who were not yet converted to the idea of the League of Nations and it was their duty to make converts of all who had not yet joined them.

1926 06 24

The Coroner held an inquest into a lady who died at Newmarket from burns suffered in her bedroom. She had petrol in bottles that she used to clean her hair. She was very proud of her hair and had a little spirit lamp and curling tongs. She had a "toupee" of her own hair, which she was always cleaning. The toupee was now missing. The chauffeur said he had given her two pint bottles of petrol; she did not say what she wanted them for. Dr Gray said there was a very deep burn on the left side of the head. He thought she was caught in a petrol explosion and collapsed.

1926 09 22

Newmarket Urban Council has relaxed severe restrictions on the sale of English coal and is to increase permits to meet the requirements for the race weeks. It was also decided to commence full street lighting. But the regulations on the use of light for the purpose of advertisement and display allowed no exceptions and they prohibited all lighting beyond the minimum required to carry on the business or protest property. Although restrictions might be relaxed it is still of the first importance that all householders observe the utmost economy in the use of coal.

1926 10 13

On Cesarewitch day Newmarket was invaded by big crowds and apart from the well-laden trains, large numbers of visitors were conveyed from all directions by motor vehicles and the new stand afforded a fine vantage point for thousands who have hitherto had to pack themselves into confined space. The volume of wagering by the general public is probably the smallest on record. That does not mean that there are not vast fortunes at stake over the race, because there has been some heavy wagering by some of the wealthy owners and when one looks at the list of owners and notes it includes names of eight or nine millionaires such a state of things is not surprising.

1927 01 18

Newmarket U.D.C. received a letter from Lord Glaney for the tenancies of six of the cottages now being erected on the Burwell Road, Exning. He had contracted to sell his estate at Lackham and would shortly be removing his establishment to Exning and required the cottages for the accommodation of his domestic staff. Mr Dring said he quite appreciated the fact that Lord Glaney was a big ratepayer but the council was building these cottages for the working class, not for gentlemen's servants. If he wanted to bring his servants here surely he was in the position to build his own cottages for them. Major Griffiths said they might meet him by letting him have two or three

1927 02 01

Thirty years ago the Salvation Army tried to come to Newmarket, but they were not well received. Now the town had reformed and was holding out its arms to them. They had only been at work there for three years but already had outgrown their little tin hut and were now launching a fund for the provision of a new permanent home

1927 04 12

Two Cambridge taxi men applied for hackney carriage licences to ply for hire at Newmarket, particularly during race week. Both had invested all their spare capital to purchase three cottages in the town, having been persuaded this would enable them to obtain a licence. The Clerk said four others had also applied. It was manifestly unfair. Newmarket men were supplying the town's wants for the other 44 weeks of the year, during which time they were often standing idle. Yet when the races came and they expected to recoup themselves they were rushed off the road by these men from Cambridge who brought in their fares and wait to take them back at night. They want to compete with Newmarket cabmen on the streets. The licences were refused.

1927 08 02

Fire broke out in the garage of Mr George Rolfe, motor mechanic in Market Street, Newmarket. The danger to Primrose House Stables was so imminent that the butler got into telephonic communication with Cambridge Fire Brigade but by the time they arrived, 50 minutes later, Newmarket Brigade had got the flames well under control. The garage was completely burnt out and four motor cars destroyed. So great was the heat that some of the glass windscreens melted and ran like tallow. It is suggested that the fag-end of a cigarette may have been smouldering among the cushions of a car until the fire reached the petrol

1927 12 08

For some times the rivalries of various motor bus drivers plying for hire between Newmarket and Burwell have been particularly keen, and there has been some trouble that has got as far as the Police Court. A bus driver employed by Albert Norman of Exning said he had got to the corner near the church at Burwell when an Ortona bus passed, going 30 mph, and cut right in front of him, which necessitated him jamming on his brakes to avoid an accident. The driver told him: "If you don't let me pass I shall smash the back of your bus in. That is just what you little people want, so that you can get a new bus". The magistrate said the rivalry among the bus drivers was a danger to the public and must cease.

1928 03 28

The largest bombing aeroplane in the British service, the "A" came down on Newmarket Heath and was exceedingly fortunate to make a safe landing. P.C. Bacon saw the aeroplane cross over Newmarket and turn back. It was evidently in distress for it had a strong searchlight turned on the ground as if seeking a landing and was firing red warning lights from its signal pistols. The descent was rather hurried and the plane bounced ten feet into the air from the impact with the earth. One of its two engines had ceased to work; mechanics put it right and stopped a leak in a petrol tank and the plane resumed its flight.



1928 04 14

Newmarket council considered the question of standing places for motor 'buses and recommended the present arrangements in St Mary's Square should remain in force for the time being. This class of vehicle is likely to get more numerous on the road and certain portions of the Fordham roadside should be defined as hackney carriage stands for the setting down of passengers. It having also been suggested that St Mary's Square might afford a suitable site for a motor-park, but having regard to certain manorial rights existing there, it was resolved that the solicitors representing the Lord of the Manor be invited to attend the next meeting.

1928 04 16

One of a block of five cottages at Saxon Street caught fire. The fire originated in the thatched roof of two cottages occupied by Alfred Foreman and his family of five persons. The adjacent cottages were occupied by Mr Elliott and family of four, Mr Edwards and family of two and Mr Allard and family of four. The Newmarket District Fire Brigade was called out and in spite of the difficulty of the time – all the firemen were at dinner – and the difficulty in getting a motor to take the engine, the response was commendably prompt. In spite of the high wind they were able to save entirely two of the cottages but the others were completely burnt out. Shortly before the fire a traction engine passed along the road & a spark from this may have caused the fire.

1928 04 18

A deputation of seven men from Isleham walked over to the meeting of Newmarket Guardians to ask the Board for work. Five are married men with families and four in receipt of out-relief. Mr Samuel Moore said he had heard of certain parties obtaining relief when they had £60 in the house. Some men left regular jobs to get a shilling more and then when the new job came to an end they were out of work. A land worker who had a good job should stick to it. This was the time of year when men were wanted on the land. The men said they had tried everywhere to get work.

1928 04 25

A case of great importance to the motoring public was heard at Bottisham. The publican of the Prince Albert, Quay was summoned for taking two gallons of motor spirit petrol from a Dominion pump, putting it in a Shell can and selling it as Shell. He had a pump outside his house of Dominion spirit which was inferior to Shell; it was 1s a gallon and Shell 1s 2½d. A Shell employee said he asked for a two-gallon can of Shell and took it to Newmarket police station where he asked it to be sealed. But they did not want to take sides in the matter. It was analysed and found not to be Shell. Defendant said his daughter had sold the petrol and did not know the difference between the various types of spirit.

1928 05 19

Newmarket is becoming a town of clubs and the publicans are becoming alarmed at their multiplication. The new social club of the Beacon Lodge of Oddfellows will make nine in the town – the Jockey Club (which is the most exclusive club in the world may hardly be counted in this category) – the Subscription Rooms, Masonic Hall & Marlborough, Conservative & Foresters clubs. In addition are the Astley Institute and Racing Lads' Institute but at these no excisable drink is sold and they are entirely for stable lads and stablemen.

1928 05 25

Damage estimated at £1,000 was done in a fire which broke out at the S.P.Q.E. garage in Old Station Road, Newmarket. Mr Montague Cooper, who sleeps on the premises of Messrs Bedwell, music dealers, was awakened by the crackling of the fire and the smashing of glass. He informed the police who were soon on the scene and burst open the garage doors and found three motor cars in flames. They were the property of the Rev. W.G. Softley (Primitive Methodist minister), John Boardman and George Hogg. Six other cars were removed, amongst them one belonging to Mr Compodonico.

1928 06 07

A Newmarket man told how the coal strike of 1921 caused him to give up his greengrocery round and take to selling peat. He 'made a pound or two' while it lasted and afterwards bought a truck of coal



and started as a coal dealer. He did pretty well until the railway strike but then his coal was hung up and he never earned a penny for a month. He had nothing to do except sell a little coke and wood which did not bring £1 a week. He had a Ford motor lorry on the hire purchase system which cost him £128, besides which he had to pay a man to drive it.

1928 07 16

Thousands of people flocked into the old-world village of East Harling but there was little chance of getting into the court room where men well-known in the racing world were summoned to answer charges relating to cock fighting. They included defendants from Newmarket and Swaffham Prior. A horsebox had been fitted up for the fighting, with a red carpet on the floor and a ring of baize covered boards. Two birds had been prepared, each armed with a pair of artificial spurs. The defence said there was no case to answer. Cock fighting has been one of the oldest English sports and there was a great deal of misconception about the cruelty. But it has been prohibited by law since 1849.

1928 08 30

Newmarket Council heard that the Stewards of the Jockey Club felt the cost of purchasing and maintaining fire equipment should be paid for out of the rates, and not by voluntary subscriptions. But if a fire occurred at the grand stand, which was worth perhaps £100,000 their fire engine would be called upon to go and it seemed a great pity the Jockey Club could not contribute £250 towards the cost of an engine. The increase of housing and the storage of more petrol rendered the risk of fire greater and the need for a well-equipped brigade more pressing.

1928 10 22

Newmarket was deeply shocked by the news that Mr Fred Archer, the well-known racehorse trainer and nephew of the famous jockey, had been thrown from his car and killed in collision with a stationary bus in Woodford High Street. Mr Archer was alone in the car, a big limousine. Until recently he trained for Lord Glanely at Newmarket. His greatest achievement was the winning of the Grand National in 1925 with Double Chance, a horse given him by Anthony de Rothschild as being useless for racing but which went on to win eight races.

1928

The executors of the late Mr P.P. Gilpin are to sell the famous racing establishment, Clarehaven at Newmarket, where a winner of practically every big race, save the Cambridgeshire, has been trained. It practically adjoins the Limekilns and is convenient for both sides of the heath. The property includes a gentleman's house, a splendid range of 40 loose boxes, beside yearling boxes, hack stables etc and is complete in every detail.

1928 12 10

The fine building in Newmarket High Street known originally as the Victoria Hall was built 31 years ago on the site of the Greyhound Hotel and cost £80,000 to erect. No expense was spared to make it equal to the West End Hotel. A theatre, a Turkish bath, a ballroom and garden with fountains were added. But it failed because it was too good for the needs of the place. It was bought by Barrington Lynham, a flat race jockey, who has made this huge hotel pay. A cinematograph now occupies the theatre and it has been the venue of dances, dinners and presentations. Now it has been sold. The Victoria Cinema will be carried on in conjunction with the Kingsway Cinema and the Victoria Mansions will be a residence for well-to-do persons who can afford to rent a flat with every accommodation in the centre of the metropolis of the Turf.

1929 03 12

Newmarket councillors having considered the position of the temporary island refuge near the Clock Tower agreed it should be permanently fixed and be lighted by a double lantern to be left alight all night. Only two of the four corner lamps should be lighted in future. They also agreed to let the supper room at the Memorial Hall to the County Council for two hours each Friday to be used for issuing books from the county library

1929 03 13

Newmarket police court heard that the head lad to Mr Boyd-Rochfort was in charge of a string of 21 horses that wanted to cross the road. As they were crossing he heard a car coming from Mildenhall. He put up his hand and shouted but the driver kept on coming and did not slow down. He took his car off the road and went through the string of horses which became alarmed. The driver said he thought there were two strings of horses, had seen a gap and accelerated to get out of the way as quickly as he could. He was a careful driver and assisted the police on every possible occasion. But it was a serious thing to cut through a string of racehorses and he was fined £3.

1929 07 04

Armed burglar Newmarket – butler threatened – CDN 4.7.1929

1929 07 18

Hadstock water supply; Newmarket houses or allotments? CDN 18.7.29

1929 11 01

The giant airship R101 passed over Cambridge after a visit to Sandringham. It appeared shortly before three on its way towards Cardington. The great ship glittered in the low November sun as though made of silver and hundreds of people came running into the streets as they heard the noise of the engines. As it receded into the distance it appeared like some strange monster floating on the misty horizon. At Newmarket races there was a cessation in the betting and all race glasses were trained towards the sky.

1930 01 09

A Soham grocer said he had started as manager of the Co-operative shop and then gone into partnership with John Everitt. They had bought a horse and cart and did delivery work, but found no cash. He had then started on his own and did well until the war broke out. Since 1913 five new competitors had sprung up, three in Soham, one with motor vans from Newmarket and another from Ely. People also went shopping by bus. He had used some of the money of the Soham Slate Club, of which he was treasurer to pay his debts.

1920 03 221

At the last meeting of the Newmarket Board of Guardians important features of their 94-year history were recalled. Originally there were nine workhouses but a central workhouse opened with the removal of the inmates of the Soham workhouse in 1837. It was enlarged and rebuilt in 1902. Whatever else was said of the present Poor Law System which was now passing away, no one could ever say that it was not humane. They had to deal with men and women with whom life had dealt hardly and in no sphere of public service had such a demand for wise judgement and sympathetic action been more forthcoming. 30 03 21 a &

1930 04 23

Visitors to Newmarket expressed keen interest in the operation of the first fully electrical Totalisator under racing conditions in this country. The indicator board behind the chief rings flashed and twinkled with remarkable rapidity and the state of the market was easily discernible. All the bookmakers had been placed along two sides of the rails and no 'tictacs' or runners were allowed. Nine minutes after the number of the winner went into the frame the dividends were declared and every winning punter was paid out before the second race started. 30 04 23g

1930 05 06

The King, who celebrated the 20th anniversary of his accession to the throne today, attended racing at Newmarket this afternoon. He motored from Buckingham Palace during the ceremony of changing the guard and large crowds cheered as his car left. But only a few people noticed his arrival on the Heath. The King spent some moments at the new electric totalisator before proceeding to the grandstand. He will remain at Newmarket for the whole of the Spring Meeting. 30 05 06

1930 08 30

There are at present 107 stablemen out of work in Newmarket and there is little chance of their being employed. The number will be seriously increased by reductions in Lord Derby's staff at Stanley House. It is by far the largest racing stable and has always been noted for its good treatment of the men. Frank Butters, the trainer, said it was a great surprise; it was not the fault of the stable but the heavy additional taxation which compelled the closure. 30 08 30a

1930 09 08

A thunderstorm greatly marred the big rally of British Legionists at Newmarket. There were over 4,500 on parade and although a march-past was carried out the storm that followed forced organisers to abandon a service. But that part of the programme which the weather permitted was conducted with military precision and fine spectacular effect. The men took the rainfall very cheerfully and sang well-known war songs 'Tipperary' and 'Pack up your troubles' as it fell. 30 09 08 – a

1930 10 06

Rumours of the R101 airship disaster were received with incredulity in Cambridge where thousands of people had seen it passing over. Early on milkmen and postmen had the story that it had crashed in flames, but details were lacking. Inquiries in London confirmed that the greater part of the passengers and crew had perished and a special edition of the C.D.N. was issued. Amongst the victims was Walter Radcliffe, a rigger on the airship, whose wife is a daughter of the late Mr Charles Isaacs, the well-known Newmarket racing correspondent. 30 10 06b-e

1931 01 10

The Orthopaedic (Cripples' Care) Clinics at Newmarket and Ely are run in connection with the Massage Scheme of the Red Cross Society to deal with cases of bone deformity among young children. The patients pay a small fee but save the time, expense and fatigue of going to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Infant paralysis (poliomyelitis) if taken in time should not mean a cripple for life. Regular treatment and aftercare means crippling defects are counteracted and crooked limbs can be made straight. 31 01 10a

1931 05 08

Why do tramps prefer Cambridge? Councillor Edwards had given lifts to men on the road from London. They told him that its casual wards offer a great measure of comfort to the gentlemen of the road and it is a convenient jumping-off ground for tramps en route to Newmarket races. "If we carry on as we are, we shall get casualties and plenty of them", he told councillors who were considering a scheme to build new accommodation for 150 casualties at Union Lane. They agreed to reduce the size of the building. 31 05 08c

1931 10 02

Mr C.B. Long of West Wrattling reapplied for a bus service to the Thurlows and Cambridge. Last year it ran four days a week and carried 2,000 single and 9,000 return passengers. Now he wanted a new service from Balsham to Newmarket. Messrs Saberton and Young ran a bus from Little Downham to Ely; it had started 2½ years ago and carried 100 passengers a day. Sometimes they ran a private car to take additional passengers. 31 10 02k & l

1931 10 02

At Newmarket the work of laying electric cables is proceeding rapidly with a quarter of a mile of trench, cable laying and replacing of the pavement completed in one working day. One lady stopped her motor car and presented the foreman with a rose, remarking that she had never seen men working so well before. Soon Newmarket and Exning will enjoy a supply of electricity equal to that in any town in the country and not be far behind Burwell which is completely lit by electricity. 31 10 02u

1931 11 20

Traffic Commissioners considered applications for bus services to Soham. A.J. Bailey operated a service to Newmarket on Tuesdays, chiefly for cinema-goers. He carried 259 passengers between January and June. However his application for a service to Ely was opposed by Ortona who'd started a service in 1921 – it was not a good paying route, the costs were almost the same as the takings. But Mr Bailey said local people favoured him and had “booed the Ortona out of Soham”. 31 11 20c

1932 05 13

Inquest Henry Watson, photographic artist of Newmarket – worked for Frank Griggs – 32 05 13a and 32 05 20d & e

1932 06 30

Newmarket Electric Light Company's new showrooms in the High Street include a large room to be used for cooking lectures and demonstrations. Progress is being made with the changeover from direct to alternating current and they can now shut down the Newmarket power station. The cost had come down to 8d (04p) a unit, but it was still somewhat of a luxury at that price. 32 06 30 & 30a

1932 11 11

When the electric current failed in Newmarket on Monday night the audience at the Kingsway Cinema waited by gaslight for it to return. The Victoria Cinema was not incommoded at all, for all of the electricity in the club, billiards room and bar is manufactured on the premises. But the Oddfellows and British Legion Clubs were plunged into darkness and had to resort to candles. 32 09 16c  
Newmarket stableman trial; unemployed protest, Shire Hall – 32 11 11e

1932 12 09

A man told the bankruptcy hearing he had been employed by Crampton's mineral water factory at Newmarket until 1927 when he started up the firm of Kitchener Bros in competition. But they had a bad season in 1929 when price-cutting by another firm had affected their trade. There had been a heavy fall in turn-over since the slump – many firms in their line were making nothing but losses. 32 12 09a

1933 03 28

Newmarket's new fire station in Rous Road comes with a new fire motor engine complete with first aid apparatus, two sets of 'proto' breathing apparatus and 12,000 feet of hose. The brigade started in 1906 and until now they had relied on the strong force of water from the mains. But the additional force of a petrol driven fire engine was needed for the loftier buildings in Bury Road. 33 03 28 & a

1933 03 20

Newmarket big blaze, timber store – 33 03 20a

1933 06 27

Newmarket slums, traffic system, fire service – 33 06 27a

1933 10 04

Railways are a never-failing source of interest to young and old. Cambridge Rotarians were told that trains between Cambridge and London occasionally attain 72 mph and tunnels on the Newmarket line were constructed so that trains should not frighten racehorses in training. In the fens one could stand 100 feet away from the railway track and be shaken like a jelly when a train passed. The outer rail settled half-an-inch owing to the 'draw' when the dykes dried and telegraph poles and even buildings leaned outwards. But the permanent way was practically immune from flooding. 33 10 04

1933 11 08

Slum clearance schemes, Newmarket area – 33 11 08

1934 01 08

A film entitled 'Cambridge and the University Town, directed by Peter Collin of Newmarket is a twelve-minute pictorial survey with shots of the backs, boating scenes and Grantchester. He had the collaboration of R. Colville-College, an undergraduate of King's. The photography, which reaches a very high standard, is by S.W. Bowler who shows considerable promise. The film, released by Equity British Films will be shown in Ely, Littleport and Newmarket. As a lad Mr Collin assisted in the operating box of the Victoria Cinema and is now a director of Argyle Talking Pictures. 34 01 08

1934 02 28

Newmarket district water supply – 34 02 28

1934 03 21

A nurse travelling in an ambulance was killed and four men badly injured in a violent collision between a London ambulance and a Newmarket horse box at the Woolpack crossroads near Fenstanton. The Red Cross and St John ambulance was proceeding to Leeds to pick up a patient while the horsebox containing three horses from the Hon George Lambton's stables was heading to Lincoln races. One of the horses, Versicle, was favourite for the Lincolnshire handicap but had to be withdrawn, causing a revolution when the betting opened at Tattersall's. 34 03 21

1934 07 23

An open-air peace meeting at Newmarket was told that thirteen shillings in every pound of taxes went on war, only a quarter of a farthing on peace. The League of Nations Union was non-political and non-sectarian. If anybody broke the peace of a town they were brought before the magistrates and punished, the same principal should apply to the nations of the world. As a result of the meeting nearly 20 new members were enrolled. 34 07 23

1934 09 27

For the convenience of people wishing to travel to Newmarket races by air, the Stewards of the Jockey Club have approved the laying out of a private landing ground on the exercise ground north-east of the Rowley Mile Stand. It will be open each race day. No hangars have been erected but picketing gear and chocks will be available. Petrol and oil can be obtained by arrangement with Turner and Hore, Heath Garage. Charges will be two-and-six for landing plus one-shilling a head for all occupants. 34 09 27

1934 10 02

Sir – since the demolition of the military aerodrome at the end of the war, Newmarket has taken a back seat in aviation activities because of the possible danger of aircraft upsetting nervous racehorses. But the opening of the special landing ground on the Heath may dispel the fears of trainers. Newmarket has a bigger call for speedy air transport than most towns. Bury St Edmunds will soon become an airport, Cambridge has the advantages of a splendid flying school and there is an Aero Club at Ely. Now perhaps we may look forward to a local flying club here – Edward Milner, Heath Villa, Newmarket. 34 10 02

1935 01 10

Eastern Counties Omnibus Company said that following complaints about people being crowded off the buses they will increase services to Histon from 20 to 39 journeys a day on weekdays, with 43 on Saturdays and 18 on Sundays. This may be too much but they hope the traffic will warrant it. They were also given permission to run buses on race days between Warren Hill Station and Newmarket racecourse; hitherto only the LNER had been authorised to operate the buses on hire. But A.E. Nicholls of Clare was refused a licence to run a new Sunday service of four journeys between Clare and Haverhill. 35 01 10a

1935 05 08

Newmarket & Mildenhall jubilee celebrations – 35 05 08

1935 05 21

Newmarket Jockey Club suffered extensive damage as the result of a disastrous fire. The well-equipped billiards room presented a sorry sight, the lamps and ceiling having crashed on to the table and water pouring though like a tropical storm. Volunteers worked with great zest in clearing rooms of furniture, pictures and valuable oil paintings, some of which were spoilt by the heat. Standing apart are the residential quarters used by the King during his visit to Newmarket. It was the town's greatest fire for many years 35 05 21a

1935 10 15

Newmarket Golf Links new club house has been erected by Lord Wolverton in memory of his father. It was designed by the Slade Professor of Arts at Oxford University and built by H.W. Hunt of Cambridge; the Newmarket Electric Light Company supplied the appliances. It is of the bungalow type, with accommodation for ladies on the first floor. The dining room has oak strip flooring and is divided from the hall with folding doors. 'Freddie' Wolverton was a great game hunter, a challenger for the America's Cup and afterwards took up facing and golf. He was a shy and retiring man who never did an unkind thing in the whole of his life. He did not make friends easily but never lost a friend once he had made one. 35 10 15

1936 01 29

King George V has a warm place in the hearts of Newmarket people. His frequent visits, during which he moved about as 'a simple country gentleman', endeared him to all the residents and they regarded him as a personal friend. Every shop bore signs of mourning and those who did not wear a black symbol of respect were very few and far between. On the day of the funeral businesses were closed. There was a deep hush and the streets were practically deserted during the two minute's silence. All Saints Church was packed for the memorial service, many stood at the back before the doors were closed. 36 01 29

1936 02 15

Shop assistants branch formed at Ely, Newmarket – 36 02 15

1936 03 19

Newmarket old soldier badly gassed during war dies – 36 03 19

1936 06 20

A bearded man with one eye and a peg leg has been frequently seen in the streets of Newmarket recently. On Thursday he was found lying on the footpath and pedestrians were walking in the road to pass him. He smelt strongly of drink so policemen borrowed a handcart and wheeled him to the police station. The man was a travelling blacksmith who visited Newmarket regularly and was a general nuisance. They could do without his company at any time. He was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour and told not to come back any more. 36 06 20

1936 07 10

There has been a great demand in Newmarket for convenient facilities for swimming. Now a new pool called 'The Newmarket Dip' will be opened adjoining the White Lion Hotel. It is 75ft by 45ft with depths ranging from nine feet to two-foot-six and the water will be maintained at about 70 degrees. An H.M.V. public address system will relay soothing music to swimmers and sunbathers. At night the whole of the pool and terraces will be floodlit and there is a system of underwater lighting 36 07 10 & a

1936 08 24

Queen Mary paid a surprise visit to Ely and spent an hour in the Cathedral. A man and his wife in the Cathedral noticed Her Majesty without being immediately aware of her identity. He remarked, however, on her 'likeness to the Queen' and the next moment was astonished to receive a gracious 'Good morning' from Her Majesty. Although she had mingled unnoticed with other visitors the news



soon spread and there was a large crowd outside the West Door when her maroon Daimler left for Newmarket Jockey Club 36 08 24a (photo 36 08 25)

1936 10 08

Newmarket UDC agreed to purchase Stratford House, Old Station Road for its offices and meeting rooms. There was space to construct a council chamber and the price of £900 was reasonable. They could bring all their staff under one roof instead of being divided between Godolphin House and Hadley House and have offices worthy of the council. But they rejected proposals to purchase allotment land on which to build a central school 36 10 08

1937 01 18

The whinnying and neighing of valuable racehorses amid the crackling of blazing wood when their stables caught fire, the rescue of the horses by eager people, and an all-night chase for seven of the animals which dashed away into the darkness, were incidents in an exciting fire at Newmarket. The outbreak at St Gatien House endangered over 20 racehorses seven of which dashed away and disappeared into the darkness. All but three were recaptured on the outskirts of town and the rest lately returned quietly to the stables. 37 01 18a

1937 01 28

The Newmarket Tradesmen's Association was formed to promote the trade and industrial interests and advertise the attractions of the district as a residential and holiday centre. 37 01 28a

1937 03 03

Newmarket's Doric Cinema and Café is the latest addition to the entertainment of the town. With seating for 1,200 the cinema makes an instant appeal by its novel outward appearance. Inside the tasteful decorations include beautiful curtains for the stage which is equipped for every type of theatrical production. There are special seats with microphone apparatus for deaf people. A small charge would be made for the car park but it will be free for those patronising the cafe which is open to the public. The main film was Will Hay in "Good Morning, Boys" and a Mickey Mouse cartoon completed the programme 37 03 03

1937 07 02

The new Heath Laundry on Exeter Road Newmarket is housed in an entirely new building with architectural pretensions and is light and airy. The water is naturally hard by softeners have been installed and the machinery reduces the amount of wear and tear to a minimum. A special department is devoted to dry cleaning using non-inflammable fluid which preserves the brilliancy of the colours, something very important in the case of ladies' garments. The girls employed are resident in the town where there is little work for them apart from domestic service and shops 37 07 02

1937 07 07

Newmarket Dip Swimming Baths were robbed of money, cigarettes, two bottle openers, some chocolates and a key to the ladies' cloakroom. Police found a painter asleep in the waiting room of Six Mile Bottom railway station. He was in possession of the missing items together with an invoice that had been in the till. The man said he had been working at a fair in London and bought the cigarettes for a stall. He had taken a train to Ely, then walked to Newmarket where he'd found a brown paper parcel containing the items. He's been deported from Canada and had numerous convictions for theft. He was sentenced to 18 months hard labour 37 07 07b

1937 08 04

Large crowds found Newmarket Dip an ideal spot for a sweltering Bank Holiday. There was the additional attraction of a swimming gala. Chief of the items was the beauty parade. Six young ladies scorned shyness and entered. The result was a win for Miss Joan Ellis with Miss Mary Garrick second. The swimming events proved both amusement and keen racing with an enjoyable trick display by Mr J. Halliwell, the bath instructor who also swam two lengths of the pool under water 37 08 04a

1937 09 17

Plans to demolish Newmarket houses under clearance orders were met with objections. The Medical Officer said houses in the Queen Street area were unfit for human habitation. But the owner claimed they were better now than when she bought them; they were all she had to live on and the council were going to take them away. Houses in Regent Street were somewhat dark because of the shrubbery in the churchyard but occupants were able to open the windows. One of the residents had been there 23 years and had brought up ten healthy children. There was such a shortage of accommodation that two families were living in each council house and few houses at a rent of six shillings a week (£16.70 today) suitable for old people. 37 09 17a & b

1937 11 10

Newmarket Memorial Hall was filled for a mass meeting of stable lands organised by the Transport and General Workers' Union. It was the end of low wages and miserable working conditions. There was one man in the hall who had seven children and was drawing four shillings a week more when unemployed than when working. It was wrong and wicked that men and their families should be suffering. They had no Fascist, Nazi or Bolshevik instincts but just wanted a fair crack of the whip. 37 11 10 & a

1937 12 15

Hughie Green, one of the youngest and brightest stars of the variety stage, visited the Doric Cinema at Newmarket. With his gang, supported by his broadcasting band, he crooned and gave some of his clever impersonations which earned the loud applause of a large audience. Hughie, now 17, who was made a star overnight though an appearance on the BBC's 'In Town Tonight', was not the only star name. Hal Swain, an exponent of the saxophone demonstrated how even this much-criticised instrument can produce melody 37 12 15a

1938 02 16

A recommendation that cars should not be allowed to park in Newmarket High Street for longer than 20 minutes was rejected by Councillors. Such restrictions would be harmful to the trade of the town. One of its greatest assets from a shopping point of view, was the wide High Street which enables people to park. That is what brought them in from villages and to take it away would do tradesmen a lot of harm. Some people have left cars for an unreasonable time, but two hours should be the minimum allowed. But the High Street was a trunk road and cars were not allowed to park on a trunk road. 38 02 16a & b

1938 06 23

Cheveley Park estate consists of 176 houses including those in course of erection along Duchess Drive, Centre Drive and Ashley Road, each being drained to a cesspool. There must be some limit to the number that can dispose of their sewage in that haphazard manner. The estate was so near Newmarket it would seem easy to solve the problem by draining into the Council's sewers. But they were too small, the Medical Officer reported 38 06 23

1938 09 29

Newmarket trainers say no useful steps could be taken for the protection of bloodstock in the event of a national emergency – 38 09 29b

1938 10 07

The new drill hall for Newmarket is a spacious well-equipped building and includes an armoury, rifle range, officers' rooms and canteen. 38 10 07a

1938 10 17

Newmarket Amateur Operatic Society – 38 10 17b

1938 12 17

The Christmas dinner of No.37 Squadron, 'B' Flight Feltwell was held at the White Lion Hotel, Newmarket. The menu contained tasty dishes described as Crankshaft cocktail and lead punch, filleted pistols and filings, roast rocker boxes and force feed baloney. Speeches were practically non-existent. Wing-Commander Fogarty said a squadron badge had been suggested; it was a candle burning at each end - as they flew by day and night. There were Air Force 'games' and the conviviality of the evening left nothing to be desired 38 12 17a

1938 12 19

Cambridgeshire Regiment dinner addressed by Commanding Officer, R.N. Drake Digby. The responsibilities resting on the Territorial Army were tremendous. They had got their new Bren guns and anti-tank rifles and every man had to learn to use them to be ready to defend Newmarket 38 12 19 & a

1939 02 01

King and Queen with princesses join Royal train at Cambridge after visit Newmarket - 39 02 01a

1939 02 01

The Jubilee Clock at Newmarket, a well-known landmark to all road users, has stopped and refuses to start again. The guttering round the tower had split allowing water to get through the roof and rusting some of the pinions. Scaffolding will have to be erected and they hoped to put something over the top of the clock to prevent further damage. But the council does not have enough scaffolding and they may have to call in one of the large builders. Major Griffiths said that when he heard the clock has stopped he hoped the tower had fallen down, but was disappointed. 39 02s 01b

1939 06 05

An extended camping ground for scouts opened at Little Abington. By the aid of friends in Newmarket they had procured a hut and then the field was bought, increasing the size of the camping ground to 5½ acres. With the opening of the new ground more boys who lived in Newmarket would be able to go out and enjoy the light and sunshine. The ceremony coincided with the annual Wolf Cub weekend and after 'The Grand Howl' (signifying a warm welcome), they gave a short entertainment. 39 06 05

1939 09 12

The outbreak of war and the cancellation of all sports gatherings had had severe consequences on horseracing in Newmarket. With only a few race meetings, owners are not inclined to maintain their horses and the number in training have been considerably depleted. Many stablemen have lost their employment and others, including jockeys, find themselves without work. Newmarket's future is a matter of speculation - 39 09 12

1939 09 20

Newmarket air-raid warning fined over black-out - 39 09 20a

1940 03 13

Variety show at Newmarket Doric Cinema - 40 03 13b

1940 01 05

Fine Record of Public Work.—Newmarket has lost one of its most prominent residents by the death of Major Osmond Edward Griffiths, aged 73 years, of Park Gate, Park Lane, Newmarket. In his capacity as auctioneer and estate agent he was widely known throughout the Eastern Counties. He was also auctioneer to the Jockey Club and a member of Tattersall's Committee. He devoted many years of considerable energy to public work. The longest serving member of the West Suffolk County Council, he was elected in 1904 and became an alderman in 1926. He had served on the Newmarket U.D.C. since April, 1898. In 1904 he was elected Vice-Chairman and was Chairman for a period of

three years from 1905. He was again Vice-Chairman in 1911 and 1912 but declined to accept, the chair in 1913. He was a magistrate for about 30 years.

1940 02 09

Jockey Weds. — Eph. Smith, the prominent jockey attached to Mr. J. L. Jarvis's stable at Newmarket, was married at Dullingham Church on Monday. The ceremony took place quietly. The bridegroom is well-known as the rider of Blue Peter, the horse which achieved such fame last year by winning the Derby and other famous races. Mr. Smith's bride was Miss Doreen Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Moore of Dullingham, and a niece of Mr. Reg Day, the Newmarket trainer.

1940 05 10

King Charles II at Newmarket. - Mr. Donald Dale, of Chesterton Road, Cambridge, in a letter to Watchman, refers to King Charles II's association with Newmarket, stating: The racecourse at Newmarket was one of Charles II's favourite resorts. Horse racing, indeed, was the most popular pastime of the Court, or nearly so ... In one of his poems, my Lord of Rochester refers to "Dragon," "Darcy" and "Gee," and these names would appear to refer to racehorses, the training of which was a pastime of many noblemen and the King himself. In October, 1680, Samuel Pepys, Prince of Naval Administrators and Diarist, was with the Court at Newmarket, taking down in shorthand (Shelton's tachgraphy) from the King's own lips the story of his escape after the battle of Worcester. The manuscript in longhand, is now in the Pepysian Library at Magdalene College. "I cannot tell whether the Rowley Mile is named after the Merry Monarch's nickname (Old Rowley) . . ." he says.

1940 08 02

Sunday opening of cinemas.—After previously deciding against making representations for the war-time Sunday opening of cinemas, Newmarket Urban Council | on Monday voted that the matter should again be considered. The question arose on a letter from the manager of the Doric Cinema. During the debate, Mr. J. O. White felt the opening would be a good thing. He moved that representations be made to the Home Office for Sunday opening for the duration of the war. Mr. S. G. Woollard, seconding, said it would be a cheap means of relaxing, and in the winter the men (of the forces) could get into the warm. The resolution was carried.

1940 09 20

Boxing.—So well supported was the boxing tournament on the Newmarket Town ground on Thursday last that it is expected that over £70 will be raised for the Newmarket and Racing Industry Spitfire Fund. The attendance, which numbered over 1,000, included Air Vice-Marshal Baldwin and a large proportion of officers and men of H.M. forces. A fine programme had been arranged between R.A.F. and Army teams, but, unfortunately, owing to unavoidable circumstances, the programme had to be considerably curtailed, although not before some excellent fights had been seen. Good care was taken to see that the "stars" were among those who appeared. A.C. Eric Boon, the lightweight champion, now getting fit for his fight with Ernie Roderick, looked fit and strong as he boxed three exhibition rounds with Sergeant Gallagher. He is obviously enjoying his training.

1940 10 04

Golden Wedding Days. — Two Cambridge couples have just reached the golden anniversary of their weddings. Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Stacey, who celebrated their golden wedding on Friday at Annesdale House, Mill Road, were formerly well-known in Newmarket, where they resided for many years. Mr. Stacey worked as a painter and decorator for Mr. Peck, Newmarket, and other employers. He and his wife were married at Isleham Parish Church, and although 76 and 77 respectively, have excellent health. They came to live with their daughter, Mrs. Haylett, at Annesdale House, a few years ago. They have two sons and a daughter living and four grandchildren. One son was killed in the last war. In celebration of the anniversary, a family party is to be held on Monday

1940 11 01

Nazis Surrender to Woman. — When a Junkers 88 bomber was shot down: at Stuntney, near Ely, on Wednesday afternoon, two occupants, aged about 18 to 20, threw down their revolvers and gave

themselves up to a woman, who was the first person on the scene. The two other members of the crew, who had baled out by parachute, were captured in Soham Fen and taken to Newmarket. The machine had been badly damaged by R.A.F. fighters and was finished off by another fighter. The Nazi pilot crashed on Mr. Owen Ambrose's farm at Quanea Fen. Later, Mr. Ambrose told a reporter "The plane touched down in a ploughed field, jumped a ditch and came to rest in a beet field. The first person on the scene was Mrs. Ashman, who lives at the farm. As she approached the two men, they emptied their revolvers and threw them away. Other men from the farm came up and the Germans were driven away in a lorry by Mr. Brooks." The two who baled out were uninjured.

1941 02 19

Lone raider bombs busy street; market day casualties— 41 02 19a

1941 01 10

Testimonial. — The courtesy and business-like habits of Mr Heavens, the Newmarket stationmaster, has won for him not only the confidence of the company and the esteem of the townspeople but also the respect of the proprietors of racing studs, trainer and others who have experience his strict attention to their convenience in the discharge of his duty. In order to testify their appreciation of his conduct, a subscription has been raised. Mr James Manning acting as Treasurer and on Wednesday last the latter, on behalf of subscribers, some of whom were present, presented Mr. Heavens with a purse containing 150 sovereigns. Mr. Heavens briefly acknowledged the handsome compliment in an appropriate and feeling manner.

1941 04 04

First Visit. — The recently appointed Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (the Rt. Rev. Richard Brook) paid his first official visit to Newmarket on Sunday afternoon. The occasion was a confirmation service at All Saints' Church at which there was a large congregation. The candidates numbered about 100.

1941 05 16

Council Chairman. — Ald. W. J. Taylor of Newmarket was recently elected chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council. With more than a quarter of a century of council service behind him, Ald. Taylor is now eighth in point of seniority. He was elected an alderman about a dozen years ago. With him on the council are two brothers — one older and one younger than himself.

1941 08 22

Eric Boon Injured. — Eric Boon, the British lightweight boxing champion, now serving with the RAF, was injured on a motor cycling accident on Sunday night. He was riding on the Newmarket-Fordham road when he ran into a heifer which had found its way on to the road. Boon was thrown from his machine and taken to hospital at Newmarket, where he was detained, suffering from cuts and abrasions. The heifer was killed

1941 11 21

Origin of focal words,—Writing from 10 London Road, Newmarket, Mr. P. B. Standley, asks. Dear Watchman, can any of your readers tell me the origin of the following local words, please?: 1 Jill, 2 Half-shooter, 3 Long-sleever, 4 Cuffs, 5 Boot, 6 Passidge. No. 1 used as follows:- (meaning to swing): "Now then, gal, don't you 'jill' on that geate," Nos. 2 and 3 refer to a half-shooter of beer, and long-sleever refers to the measure applied. No. 4 probably a corruption of "puffs" and "clay doot" and 5 refers to a clay pipe, both used as follows: "O'm jest agoin ter hex two or three 'cuffs' at me old clay 'doot'." No. 6: Spelt as pronounced, and refers to a part of the village of Lode; possibly used in other villages in the district. Used as follows. "I jest sin her goeing cross 'Fassidge' met."

1941 12 26

Police Promotions, — Cambridgeshire Police promotions include: Supt. Donald Charles James Arnold to be Deputy Chief Constable. Mr. Arnold, whose appointment was announced at a meeting of the Standing Joint Committee last week, started his career in the Force in 1920, and has had special



experience in the fingerprint photography branches of the Force — Inspector Frank Housden is to be Supt. Joining the police in 1919, he rose to the rank of inspector in April, 1932. He will go to the Newmarket Division, Supt. Charles Barrett and Sgt. Raymond Eric Squire to be inspectors. The latter, who commenced his career in 1921, two years after Mr. Barrett, will take Inspector Housden's place. The promotions will take effect on January 1 next

1942 01 06

Newmarket man won DSO when flew burning aircraft for three hours – 42 01 06

1942 01 26

Newmarket to adopt Destroyer, HMS Newmarket, transferred from United States – 42 01 26

1942 02 06

Death of Mr. W. Clarke, — Mr. Wm Clarke passed peacefully away at his residence, The Farm, Swaffham Prior, on January 29, aged 84 years. He had enjoyed health up to only a few days before the end. He leaves two sons, Mr. W. T. Clarke and Mr J.W. Clarke of Swaffham Prior and one daughter, Mrs R.C. Chinery of Bury St. Edmunds. Mr. Clarke had farmed all his life, and before his retirement a few years ago farmed extensively at Swaffham Prior, Burwell and Kirtling. He also carried on a considerable business as a straw merchant, and for over 60 years supplied trainers with this commodity, his early patrons being Matt Dawson, Fred and Charlie Archer, Dick Marsh and a host of others, leading up to the present day. He was a well-known figure in Newmarket, and his fondness for tile town led him to choose it as his resting place, the internment taking place at Newmarket cemetery yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

1942 07 17

Youngest Inspector.—At the age of 36 Leonard Arthur Unwin becomes the youngest inspector in the Cambridgeshire County Constabulary. The promotion took place as from the first of this month. Inspector Unwin joined the force in 1927, and was given the rank of sergeant in 1938. He has been stationed at Melbourn, Bourn, Girton and Madingley and is at present out at Newmarket. He is one of the most earnest supporters of sporting activities in the Force, and is a member of the cricket eleven. He is secretary of the recreation club.

1942 09 01

Russians were encamped at Newmarket at end WWI but had nothing to do with phantom Russian Army that passed through Cambridge station night after night with snow on their boots – was training camp for Russians who were trained to take commissions, 1918 42 09 01 42 09 26b

1943 05 13

Plane crashes Newmarket racecourse, racing postponed – 43 05 13a

1943 01 29

Trained for three Kings.—The well-known Newmarket trainer, Mr, Wm Rose Jarvis, of Egerton, died in a London hospital on Wednesday morning. He was 57. He recently underwent a third operation, and had been seriously ill for some days. Mr. Jarvis was the trainer of racehorses for three kings. He succeeded R. Marsh in 1924 as trainer for King George V. He also trained for King Edward VIII, and also for the present king until last September, when the royal horses at Newmarket went to Captain Boyd-Rochfort's stable. Mr. Jarvis was the oldest of three brothers training at Newmarket, the others being Mr. Basil Jarvis and Mr. Jack Jarvis. The family is a famous one in racing annals an ancestor having trained Gustavus to win the Derby as long ago as 1821. The best horse Mr. W. R. Jarvis trained was Godiva, who won the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks in 1940. His most successful season was in 1928 when he won 14 races to the value of £15,000. That year he trained Scuttle to win the 1,000 Guineas for. King George V.



1943 08 20

Former Jockey Club employees - Well-known to users of Newmarket Heath, where he had been employed by the Jockey Club for over 60 years, Mr. Harry Jarvis, of Jockey Club Terrace, Lacey's Lane, Exning, died on Tuesday. He was in his 80th year.

1944 04 07

Front Line Woman. — A London artillery man recently wrote to his parents: "A Y.M.C.A. canteen is due at our gun position today, and believe it or not, a woman is in charge — one of the very few seen in the front line." the worker is the Hon. Dudley S. North, only daughter of the Dowager Lady North, of Newmarket, who went to the Middle East in April last year. "She writes: "I am enjoying myself. The boys who had been firing the guns were very grateful for the hot tea, while those who were going back to the guns asked me to keep some hot for them."

1944 07 07

Retirement. — Superintendent Frank Housden, who has been in charge of the Newmarket Division of the Cambridgeshire Police since January 1, 1942, is retiring from the Force to date from August 31. By the retirement, the Force will lose a competent and popular officer.

1944 09 01

Cambs Police Changes— The retirement on August 31 of two members of the Cambs County Police Force has meant promotions and a reshuffle. Those who retire, both after 25 years' service, are Supt. Frank Housden of Newmarket, and Sergeant C. Gilby, of Bottisham. Inspector L. A. Unwin, of Newmarket, will succeed the superintendent, having been appointed temporary superintendent. Sergeant Walter Leach, of Linton, becomes temporary inspector, while Detective Constables F. W. G. Fouracre and F. G. Brown, both at present attached to headquarters, have been appointed to the rank of temporary sergeant. P.c. Miller, of Waterbeach, will be transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department at Headquarters.

1945 03 16

Soccer victory,—Histon Institute reached the area final of the East Anglian Cup in which they will meet Cambridge, by winning the replay 6-4 with Newmarket at Histon on Saturday. The game opened at a fast pace and the Institute quickly opened the scoring through Kimpton. Within three minutes Knott added to the lead after Carlss had hit the bar The Newmarket defenders were finding it difficult to hold the fast moving Histon forwards, and after Brown had cleared off the goal line, Knott burst through the middle to score again. Then Newmarket began a series of rushes on the Histon goal and from one of these their inside right headed a neat goal. Play became more even, with both teams attacking in turn. Ten minutes from half-time Knott completed his hat-trick and almost from the restart Sanderson scored the Stutes fifth goal. Half-time: Histon 5 Newmarket 1. Newmarket took up the offensive in the second half, forcing Stephen, in the Stutes goal to make some fine saves, although he was well beaten by a good shot from the Jockeys' inside left. Within a minute Sanderson went through to score Histon's sixth goal. For a period the game slackened off. Newmarket then began to force the pace, and with the Stutes defence tiring scored two quick goals. Newmarket tried hard to level the scores, but were held, and the game ended with the Stutes on the attack.

1945 04 06

Freed,—One of the first members, of the Cambridgeshire Regiment to be freed from the Japanese Sergeant Tweed whose parents live at Cheveley, is on his way home. This news was given at a meeting of the Newmarket Prisoner of War Relatives' Association on Tuesday. Repatriated prisoners from the Far East are officially interviewed, when they arrive in this country, and any information about other prisoners is passed on to the next of kin as soon as possible.

1945 10 05

Narrow escape. — The Earl of Rosebury narrowly escaped serious injuries when his car, which he was driving, overturned near Duxford Aerodrome on Sunday afternoon. A back wheel came off while

the car was travelling at about 50 miles per hour. The car somersaulted twice, and Lord Rosebury was pitched through the canvas run roof into some barbed wire. He was bruised and cut, but otherwise unhurt when the Duke of Norfolk, who was in a following car, picked him up and brought him on to Newmarket. Lord Rosebery was travelling from Mentmore to Newmarket. His car was completely wrecked.

1946 08 29

Squatters occupy RAF huts at camp outside Newmarket – 46 08 29

1947 03 06

Last night's blizzard completely cut off villages around Newmarket and an official of the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company told a reporter: "The position is absolutely hopeless. We can run no bus services to the country whatsoever". All roads to Ely are impassable and drifts piled ten and twelve feet high have brought road traffic to a standstill. Villages cut off by snow included Elsworth and Knapwell. "Neither the mail nor the papers have arrived to-day" an Elsworth resident told the "C.D.N." today. "There are waist-high drifts in the village. The children are having a forced holiday"

1947 06 25

"I think the people who have fought in favour of Newmarket remaining in Suffolk have fought brilliantly - by discouraging discussion and crying 'We want Suffolk, we want Suffolk' they have beaten all the thinking people in the town and I take my hat off to them". So declared Mr W.J. Taylor, one-time chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council and prime mover behind the Council's proposal to include Newmarket in a new Cambridgeshire. He condemned - in no uncertain terms - the general apathy he claimed existed among the people of Newmarket with regard to the boundary question.

1947 08 18

It will be learned with regret in Newmarket that Major W.V. Beatty will be retiring from training at the end of the present year, and in view of this has decided to sell Phantom House with its training establishment and stud farm. This is one of the most important properties to be offered for public sale in Newmarket for many years. It will be offered for sale as a whole, providing an opportunity of acquiring intact a first-class bloodstock undertaking. It comprises Phantom House and Phantom House Training Establishment, Phantom House stud farm with 3 sets of premises and 15 well-maintained paddocks, covering in all about 53 acres

1947 10 10

There have, so far, been six cases of infant paralysis in the Borough of Cambridge. One has been transferred from the Infectious Diseases Hospital to White Lodge, Newmarket. It is expected that three of the six patients will recover without any appreciable degrees of paralysis. One is under five years of age, three are between five and 10 and two are over 15. Referring to a decision that infantile paralysis cases should be accepted from Saffron Walden the Chairman of the Public Health Committee said it was a very wise decision and pointed out that the Cambridge Infectious Diseases Hospital had a special facility in the form of an iron lung

1947 10 22

Cambridge people are likely to be without their washing if a strike threatened at Newmarket today materialises, Strike pickets took up positions outside the Heath Laundry, Newmarket, at lunch-time, following a walk-out by seven employees and the dismissal of an engineer. The laundry, one of the largest in the district - about 100 are employed at Newmarket - has offices in Cambridge, and is carried on under the name of Hopkinson Bros

1947 10 29

Nine short months after he decided to enter the competitive field of dress designing Ron Hardwick and his wife Jean, a former London and Paris trained designer, are supplying some of the leading fashion houses throughout the U.K. with their distinctive creations. It was in February that the

Hardwicks trading under the name of "Elizabeth Nels" introduced an entirely new industry into the racing town of Newmarket. Today, after establishing themselves securely on the home market, the Hardwicks are able to embark on their first "for export only" drive

1947 11 26

Whilst many places are struggling to cope with the newly recognised problem of providing better facilities for old people Newmarket has had an amazing stroke of luck. It has received a gift of no less than a mansion, and £10,000 to go with it, to provide a place of rest for elderly people. The mansion, Exning House, was formerly the seat of the late Lord Glanely, and the generous donor is his nephew, Mr George Gibson. The only condition attaching to the gift is that the house will not be called a Home or Institute. It will probably be called the Lord Glanely Rest

1948 01 09

Because it was stated that Newmarket R.A.F. station is closing down on Jan 31st two applications to transport RAF weekend leave personnel from Newmarket to London Victoria Coach Station were withdrawn at a sitting of the Eastern Area Traffic Commissioners. The applicants were the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company and Morley's Grey Coaches of Bury St Edmunds. As far as the London journey was concerned road travel cost only 11s.9d as against the railway fare of 14s.7d

1948 01 12

Plans for the development of present-day Newmarket, with its population of 10,000 people - the majority of whom are dependent upon the racing industry - into a town of 25,000 people with light industries to supplement the bloodstock and training business should remain entirely in the hands of Newmarket people and not outsiders, claim the Newmarket Urban Council. In 1946 the Newmarket U.D.C. issued an interim report on the future planning of Newmarket that was widely acclaimed. Now a special sub-committee of the West Suffolk County Council have suggested that planning should pass into the hands of an area committee consisting of 17 members – only three of whom would be Newmarket councillors. The two councils are already at loggerheads on the future of the town's fire and ambulance services

1948 04 08

The creation of a new county comprising the four administrative councils of Cambridgeshire, Isle of Ely, Huntingdon and the Soke of Peterborough, and the granting to the town of Cambridge the status of a county borough, are amongst the recommendations contained in the report of the Local Government Boundary Commission. The proposals also suggest that Newmarket Urban District Council should be transferred to the new county

1948 06 04

A chapter of accident befell Miss Kay Stammers, one of Great Britain's two leading women tennis stars, when she went to Soham recently. The purpose of her visit was to "christen" a hard court presented to the town. Travelling from London by train Kay intended to get out at Cambridge, but overshot her target and found herself in Ely. She booked a taxi to take her back to Soham but it says little for the local knowledge of the Ely taxi drivers for the car went straight through the village - which has one of the longest main streets in Cambs - and on to Newmarket. Eventually she arrived at Soham, where a mystified crowd awaited, only three-quarters of an hour late

1948 07 07

Tenants of the Newmarket Urban District Council's new Heath Lodge estate are in revolt against the council's decision to increase their rent to 25s. per week for three-bedroomed houses and 27s.6d a week for four-bedroom houses - an average weekly increase of nearly 5s. 54 of the 60 tenants on the estate have signed a petition against the increase and last night at an open-air meeting they decided to send a deputation to meet the council

1948 08 30

Pleading guilty to taking a US Army truck belonging to the American Graves Registration Command of Milton Road, Cambridge, because he wanted to attend a Saturday night dance in a neighbouring village, a 35-year old Newmarket labourer was sentenced to three months imprisonment. The vehicle was an open type of truck used to convey Newmarket workmen to Cambridge. Defendant took it from Newmarket and drove to Dullingham. But as he parked the vehicle he ran the nearside wheels into the ditch.

1948 08 31

Newmarket townfolk, notorious for the fact that they seldom concern themselves with anything outside of racing, are at the moment displaying more than a casual interest in a fiery battle of words that is going on in the town between rival sports fans representing Britain's two great national sports - football and cricket. The verbal battle yesterday reached such a height in the pubs and clubs of the Racing H.Q. that it may well be described as a pitched battle. A dispute has arisen as to who should use a particular ground next Saturday when both clubs have home fixtures

1948 09 09

Albert Barrett, about 63, of Newmarket, a licensed pedlar and well known in the town as "Ackie Barrett", the Old Moore's Almanac man, died in White Lodge Hospital following an accident at the Wood Ditton level crossing. For many years, Barrett, a familiar figure in his shining black gaiters, was also an ice cream vendor

1948 12 09

Fifteen leading hospitals in the Cambridge area – including Saffron Walden, Linton, and St Neots – will be administered by a new management committee operating from permanent headquarters at Newmarket White Lodge Hospital – the main portion of which was constructed during the war as an emergency hospital. It will become a full-scale general hospital with one of the finest outpatients departments in the country.

1948 12 17

The platform of the Newmarket railway station was bathed in the glare of arc lights when film cameramen took "location" shots for a forthcoming documentary film. A mobile camera unit was taking shots of a train entering and leaving the station. The "extras" who lined the corridors of the train were European Volunteer Workers about whom the film is being made. Newmarket station, was recently given the title of "the cleanest and most attractive in East Anglia"

1949 02 10

Magistrates granted a full licence for the Bedford Lodge hotel, Newmarket. Major W.V. Beatty, trainer of Phantom House, said he considered the town had definite need for its particular facilities. When it was suggested that the "need" was nothing more than the result of the destruction by bombing of the White Hart Hotel early in the war he replied: "I would not know. I never went there. All I know about the place is that I go there for the amateur theatricals!"

1949 02 16

At a special public meeting of the Newmarket Town Football Club an overwhelming vote expressed strong disapproval of the management committee's decision not to compete in the Eastern Counties League for the 1949-50 season. The chairman said the decision had been made for three main reasons – lack of finance, the long distances at present incurred in travelling, and the inability of the club to match the playing strength of others in the league. A player-coach would cost at least £450 a year, far more than they could afford. Part-time professionals would cost £3 a match, plus travelling

1949 04 27

Standing waist-high to the Newmarket housewives who gathered to welcome Princess Elizabeth to the town, was bright-eyed 7 ½ year old Peggy Matthews. When Princess Elizabeth alighted from her car and began to climb the steps to Palace House, Peggy started to cry. Asked what was the matter, she

clung to her mother and sobbed: "She hasn't brought Prince Charles with her". Yesterday's visit was unique in that for the first time HRH stayed at Palace House, her official Newmarket residence. Princess Elizabeth rode a hack on the heath this morning and spoke to a number of jockeys and stable employees

1949 05 04

At 15 group operations room of the Royal Observer Corps in Newmarket road, Cambridge, 20 or 30 blue-dashed uniformed men and women took part in a big Observer Corps exercise. Everywhere the sharp-eyed observers at their remote posts reported aircraft in a formula giving the type, number and height. Meteors, Hornets, Messengers, Ansons, Skymasters and Lincolns were some of the aircraft spotted and plotted – the RAF boys doing their best to fox the spotters by hedge-hopping and 500 miles an hour

1949 05 12

Speaking in parliament Mr A.E. Stubbs referred to an estate of around 3,000 acres outside Newmarket which was occupied during the war for military purposes. When the war was over it was occupied by prisoners, by Poles and others, but when the occupants had gone the military authorities took no trouble to see the camp was cleaned up. Rats spread all over the adjacent land. There were six stacks of wheat and barley which were destroyed. There were at least 600 rats in each stack

1949 06 27

Two American airmen stationed at Lakenheath were involved when the jeep in which they were driving crashed through the front garden wall of a house on the Mill Hill, Exning Road, Newmarket. It is believed that the accident was caused by a failure in the steering system. The jeep was badly damaged. One wheel was knocked completely off and trundled on its own for many yards down the hill

1949 07 13

Newmarket racegoers could hardly have been prepared for the unexpected sight that met their gaze when they arrived at the July course. There was the imperturbable hitherto collar-choked British "Bobby" enjoying the comfort of an open neck. It was the first time in the history of the force that members of the Cambs county constabulary had worn the new open-neck type of summer uniform. Meanwhile in Newmarket High Street less fortunate members cursed the discomfort of their heavy winter uniform. They had not been allowed to wear their much lighter ordinary (but strictly 'old look') summer tunics

1949 07 28

Newmarket urban district council is to inform the Jockey Club that unless they are prepared to sell the council 40 acres of land required for housing in the Houldsworth Valley at a price recommended by the District Valuer, they will seek compulsory purchase powers. Mr Ted Leader, the racehorse trainer, said he was unhappy and worried about the whole scheme on financial grounds. He estimated that each house would cost at least £1,300 excluding sewerage and roadworks. In addition proper horse tracks would cost £9,000. "By the time we have built these houses we shall have defeated our own object for we want houses at rents which the public can afford", he said

1949 08 1

This year sees the Golden Jubilee of the Newmarket Co-operative Society, with a membership of 5614 compared with 200 when the first managing committee opened its very first store in Market Street on March 18th 1899. Within a short time the Society was "made" and new premises erected on the other side of the town. Sugar was 1 ¾ d a pound and madam could purchase the very latest line in corsets for 1s.11½. Now, 50 years later, the premises have spread to form the familiar "Co-op corners" in All Saints road where annual sales amounting to over £¼ mill. are transacted



1949 08 25

You can't hold up the fish in hot weather observed a solicitor defending in a speeding case at Newmarket. His client pleaded guilty to exceeding the 20 mph speed limit with a heavy motor vehicle. He explained that the defendant was specially trained to drive heavy fish delivery vehicles and that in such a job speed was essential, particularly in hot weather. He exceeded the limit on a downhill stretch of the road. The vehicle was fully laden. Fined £1

1949 08 25

When you run over a policeman's toes with your bicycle, he is liable to take more than a passing interest in the way you ride your machine... and to become downright concerned if, as you dismount, he notices that your walk is unsteady! PC Ridd of Moulton followed that theory exactly when a Wood Ditton man ran over his toes in Newmarket high street. The man had difficulty in parking his bicycle by the kerb and was unsteady in his walk. A passer-by offered to take him to the police station in his car, but on the way the man struggled and put his arm through one of the celluloid windows. Fined £1 for being drunk in charge of a bicycle

1949 09 22

The assistant postmaster general opened Newmarket's new automatic telephone exchange. The post office was mindful of the fact that unlike Newmarket, which had got only one person waiting for the telephone, there were half a million people requiring that service. He hoped that having got its new telephone exchange it would not be long before they also got its new post office. The exchange replaces the one put out of action on 18th February 1941 when a German plane dropped 10 h.e. bombs as it flew over Newmarket High Street

1949 10 10

Six trade union veterans with unbroken membership of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers were honoured at a social held in the Norfolk Street Labour Hall, Cambridge. Mr J. Docwra of Barton and Mr W. Northfield of Ross St received gold badges. They have been members of the union for 60 years. Others with 50 years membership were Mr S. Pope of Sturton St, Mr H. Hibbett of Histon, Mr T. Runham of Catharine St & Mr W. E. Wilson of Newmarket

1949 10 13

Newmarket and surrounding districts were shaken by an enormous explosion when a giant 6-engined American B50, the latest type of US bomber still on the secret list, crashed at Isleham. All members of the crew, believed to consist of 12 airmen, were killed instantly. The blazing remains of the aircraft were scattered over the area of 500 square yards on the Beck Road. Neighbouring farm buildings and haystacks at Worlington were set afire. The B50 is designed for long-distance bombing and is said to be specially adapted for carrying atom bombs

1949 11 28

Members of the Newmarket Fire Brigade had to climb to a height of 80 feet to the top of a retort house at the Newmarket gas works in order to fight an outbreak of fire in a bunker containing 100 tons of coal. When they arrived flames were leaping into the air threatening the structure of the building. After three hours the fire was under control. The production of the town's gas was not affected.

1950 01 19

One Cambridge girl was killed and five others detained with serious injuries when a USAAF service bus crashed headlong into a telegraph pole at Newmarket. They were returning to their Cambridge home after attending a camp dance and party at Lakenheath airfield. American service personnel attended the scene with crash tenders but it was five hours before traffic could use the Cambridge road

1950 02 01

A Newmarket branch of the Trustee Savings Bank was opened in the High Street at premises which once housed a milk bar. There was a general burst of laughter when Dr Alex Wood referred to the



opening of the premises as a “great act of faith” because as he explained, the industry for which Newmarket was famous was one which was not usually associated with thrift or savings.

1950 03 03 c

Since fire service tenders have been maintaining a supply of water to five Cambridgeshire villages after a break-down at one of Newmarket RDC's pumping stations. It was found that only 4,500 gallons were available at the station which has a normal output of 30,000 gallons per day. The fire service instituted a shuttle service between the pumping station and a hydrant in Newmarket. The villages affected are Ashley, Cheveley, Wood Ditton, Kirtling and Saxon Street. The council has just received approval for at £82,000 water scheme which they have been pressing for some time

1950 03 25

The desperate plight of the people who as a last resort have been compelled to occupy, as squatters, the former RAF huts on the corner of Newmarket High Street and the Wood Ditton road was emphasised at Newmarket county court. The land on which the huts were built were originally leased to Mr R. Day, the trainer, and the Ministry requisition order took effect during the war, when the huts were occupied. After the war the premises were transferred to the Ministry of Works with the intention of housing certain agricultural workers – a scheme that was ultimately dropped. Nothing further was done and the Ministry eventually expressed a desire to derequisition the premises and clear the hutments from the site. In the meantime, however, squatters had taken over.

1950 04 25

An RAF jet “Meteor” fighter blew up in mid-air while flying over Newmarket, the pilot being killed instantly. The explosion, which shook the windows of houses and shops in the High Street, was seen by a large crowd of housewives who were out shopping. One witness said it completely broke up, folding into nothing. Only the fuselage held intact. The Meteor crashed into the ground some way off the Bury Road on the edge of Moulton Paddocks, and wreckage was strewn over an area a mile square.

1950 04 26

After forming his own band only 12 months ago, local bandleader Chic Applin successfully led his orchestra to first place in the Cambs. Dance Band Championship organised by the “Melody Maker”. This award qualifies them to enter the South Britain Contest which is to be held at the Hammersmith Palais. The 12-piece band are well-known in Cambridge and regularly appear at the Carlton Hotel, Newmarket

1950 07 15

Newmarket High Street was lined for its entire length with stationery vehicles when an accident on the Bury Road brought traffic to a standstill. The town had been experiencing one of its busiest days for years. This unending stream was halted when an army convoy was brought to a stop just past the war memorial when a string of racehorses crossing the road caused the leading driver to pull up. The rear lorry was hit by a following taxi and this in turn was struck by a third vehicle.

1950 10 10

Bud Flanagan and members of the famous Crazy Gang formed a “guard of honour” at the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Jones and Mr John Mitchell Ridley-Foster at Newmarket. Bud was responsible for the gang's appearance. Following his lead the Gang appeared in battered top hats and dress suits that were ripped and torn and had obviously seen better days. A large crowd waited outside the church, where the Crazy Gang welcomed the couple as they came out after the ceremony with an archway of silver-topped canes.

1951 01 18

Newmarket folks turned their eyes to the skies when the world's largest, and certainly noisiest, bomber passed overhead. The aircraft was one of the US B-36 bombers which arrived at the USAF base, Lakenheath, a few days ago. It was beginning its return flight to America, flying direct via the

North Pole, and the two supplementary fuel tanks attached to the wing tips were clearly seen as the huge machine roared over the rooftops.

1951 08 17

For the past four years Ganger S.J. Ginn and his Warren Hill, Newmarket railway gang have won first prize for the best length of railway line in the Cambridge region. Mr Ginn, who started as a plate-layer 24 years ago, praised the first-class quality of the men with whom he works. Neatness, level nature of the track and straightness or evenness of the rails were amongst the points for which the judges were looking. The almost total absence of weeds and the tidiness of huts also impressed them.

1951 09 08

It is hoped that the new head post office at Newmarket will be open in good time for Christmas. It will be one of the most up-to-date in the country. The immense size of the new building is the main impression from inside. The new Post Office covers three floors – basement – where there is a large cycle store, ground and first floor. The new telegraph room will bring all the latest equipment into use. It will undoubtedly be a very fine addition to the architecture of Newmarket

1951 09 18

The proprietor of a Newmarket Hotel was sentenced for permitting the premises to be used as a brothel. Police had frequently seen girls entering the hotel with Americans, on average between 10 and 20 a night. It was said they stayed there on the understanding they occupied separate rooms. The Defence lawyer said: "Every hotel keeper in this part of the world is having an extremely anxious and worrying time. Apparently the generosity of these American Servicemen to young women in the areas where they are stationed is a temptation"

1951 11 16

When she bought a sheet of stamps from Miss Cora Simpson, Lady Irwin became the first person to use Newmarket's magnificent new post office – the most up-to-date in the country. The throwing open of the doors brought to an close its ten year temporary use of the King Edward VII Memorial Hall following the destruction of the old High Street building by an enemy bomb in 1941. At the ceremony a memorial plaque was dedicated to Miss Q. Kerry and Mr A.F. Barnes who were killed on duty when it was bombed. The telegraphing room was particularly mentioned since in race weeks more telegrams were handled in Newmarket than at any other place in the region.

1951 12 03

"A fine and magnificent home" was how Glanely Rest, Exning, was described when Mr G. Gibson opened it as a home for old people – a "stately home" in a country park he had presented outright in memory of his uncle, Lord Glanely, to give comfort to old people "in the evening of their years". "Its beautiful" commented one resident, Mr David Palethorpe, a Newmarket sportsman of over 80 who is in the same room as Major F. Bird. He stores his belongings in his own cupboard and has the books he loves around him. The room is brightly decorated with warm, gay curtains and a window that looks out on to the spacious park. Caring for them is the matron, Mrs Rachel Agnes Byrne and the residents know they will enjoy peace and security in a delightful country house that is a real home.

1951 12 18

Newmarket trainers are to discuss Lord Roseberry's announcement that his horse, Snap, was doped before running at Newmarket racecourse in October. It is trained only a few hundred yards from the course and did not have leave the town to run in the race; there would be a greater opportunity for dopers to get at a horse which had to go on a long journey. Some trainers were saying that the "nobbling" of Snap was done by a local gang who were able to identify the horse off the racecourse. They would like to see stronger security arrangements in Newmarket. The Jockey Club has power to warn anybody off their premises but have no control over the town. A solicitor with a large racing practice said it was very doubtful whether the administering of a drug to a racehorse was an offence against the law.

1952 03 19

A Cambridge man appeared in court as a result of a wheel coming off a car while rounding the Clock Tower in Newmarket. Shopkeeper William Shepherd said that it shot through his glass shop door and came to rest by the counter. The driver told him he would pay the costs of about £2.6s.0d. A garage fitter who examined the car said he thought the wheel had been "running loose" for some time. The driver said the car had just been overhauled and he had driven from Cromer. The case was dismissed.

1952 04 04

The Jockey Club objected to part of the Newmarket training grounds known as Southfields Gallops and The Flat being zoned as a Service airfield on the Development Plan. They were a quarter of the whole of the ground available for trainers. Part of the training grounds was requisitioned during the war & the stands on the racecourse were de-requisitioned in 1945. It was extraordinary that the powers-that-be should still regard it as a Service airfield.

1952 04 12

Cambridge received a pleasant surprise on Good Friday. On ground where snow lay six inches deep less than two weeks ago, several people enjoyed hours of sun bathing and many thousands spent much of the day out of doors. Churches reported that three times as many people attended its services than last Good Friday. Petrol at 4s.3d a gallon did not deter the motoring public & the Automobile Association reported a 'good flow' of traffic on the roads with about 600 cars passing through Newmarket every hour. Many cars were older pre-war models making their first trips after being laid up for the winter.

1952 05 22

Mr George Blows of the Cambridge Daily News Photo-engraving department gave an interesting lecture to Newmarket Camera Club on photo-engraving in line and halftone reproductions for newspapers. From the time a news photograph was taken, developed and printed and the halftone block ready for newspaper printing, a period of 1½ hours elapsed. During this time it was copied no fewer than seven times before it finally appeared in print. Drawings from bleached-out photographs, commercial art drawings by Mr G.F. Thompson and cartoons by Lewis in black and white block reproductions were also shown.

1952 05 26

Biscuits have come to Newmarket to stay. For the last month Meredith and Drew Ltd, the world-famous biscuit makers, have been finding their feet in what used to be the old flax factory in the Fordham Road. They have already started production and have ambitious plans for the future. Ultimately they hope to concentrate their entire chocolate wafer biscuit production at the factory which will be as modern and hygienic as any in the country. When it is in production at least 350 people will be employed, mostly girls.

1952 05 27

Unless residents and firms in the Newmarket rural area apply economies in their use of water in the near future, there is likely to be a "desperate" shortage. The position is extremely acute owing to the continued lack of water. Every pumping station is working at full pressure but the output is still insufficient. A new regional water scheme which will supply main water from a new well at Chippenham is likely to be in operation at the end of the summer and a brand new reservoir has been built at the top of Newmarket's Warren Hill

1952 07 29

Newmarket General Hospital – still affectionately known as "White Lodge" - is regarded as one of the finest in the eastern counties, and yet at the beginning of the war it was still looked upon as what was popularly termed "a workhouse". The war saw tremendous development and before long the old Emergency Hospital came into being. The post-war years again saw vast improvements and ultimately "White Lodge" became recognised as a general hospital. At about the same time it was also accepted as an official Nurses Training Hospital.

1952 08 23

A small bus fleet owned by Mr George Challice, dance band leader of Newmarket, escaped total destruction when one 29-seater bus was completely burnt out in a blaze. It had been parked in an isolated garage instead of in a bay containing three other vehicles. The bus was burning furiously when firemen arrived yet although metal had melted and tyres been virtually burnt off the wheels a petrol tank containing six gallons of petrol was not touched. A practically new bus parked nearby was driven to safety.

1952 09 06

A Newmarket hairdresser told the bankruptcy court how she dismissed her assistant to cut expenses – and how the assistant opened up in business a few miles away and took some of her own trade from her. She had acquired the business of “Maison Frederick” for £800 in 1950 and expected a weekly turnover of about £20. She employed an assistant at £4 a week, plus commission but realised she could not afford her. She subsequently employed her sister as an apprentice at £1 a week. As a result of illness the business was frequently closed and earnings were insufficient to meet heavy expenses of £10 a week.

1952 09 15 c

Two Newmarket policemen were told by magistrates to “stop talking Greek”. Giving evidence to court in several speeding cases they referred to the size of the cars they stopped not in the terms of horsepower, as is usually the case, but in the more obscure terms of litres. “Stop” interrupted the magistrate: “I don’t know what you mean by all this litre business. Tell me what was this car’s horse power”. A solicitor offered the suggestion that a rough idea of horsepower could be obtained if the number of litres was multiplied by ten.

1952 09 30

Newmarket Town Football Club won their first League game in 15 months. During the interval the hitherto luckless Jockeys were the recipients of a unique footballing presentation. To mark the sporting manner in which the Club had fulfilled all their fixtures during their pointless 1951-52 season in the Eastern Counties League the management presented them with a flag in the ‘Newcastle’ colours. The Jockeys have played in black and white stripes before and their two professionals, player-manager Arnold Grundy and Eddie Connelly were team-mates at Newcastle for seven years. It was to the tune of “Bladen Races” that the Jockeys took the field.

1952 10 29

As part of intensive tightening up of police precautions in Newmarket – designed principally to combat big race week robberies – West Suffolk Police have introduced dog patrols into the town. A powerful-looking Alsatian made his debut accompanied by a police constable last night. This follows other precautions including the strengthening of all-night patrols and an appeal to the public to dial 999 if they saw anything suspicious.

1952 11 24

There was confirmation from Newmarket of the Cambridge flying saucer report. Mr J. Beirne reported seeing ‘a definite circular object while cycling along Madingley Road, Cambridge. Now comes a report from a bus conductor of seeing a ‘bright cigar-shaped object’ flying at great speed at Newmarket. It gave out an orange-coloured tint and was fired by three small tappets at the rear. There have been isolated cases of practical demonstrations of guided missiles being carried out in the Mildenhall area and on the Norfolk coast. These guided weapons are known to be capable of speeds over 2,000 m.p.h.

1953 02 18

A Newmarket reader has written to complain about the way in which fish fryers wrap up fish and chips. “It seems to be an accepted rule that the bag must always be an inch too short. If you buy 6d worth of chips they will give you a bag which holds 4d worth. This is not a chance accident but a

system which is rigidly adhered to with the result that at least some of the chips will be imbibed with the printers' ink of the newspaper in which it was wrapped."

1953 02 28

The Newmarket Association for the Prosecutions of Felons dinner attracted more than the usual number of stalwarts from Cambridge. It used to concern itself with bringing miscreants to book but now proved an opportunity for a convivial evening out. Members are usually called 'felons', but are keen to point out they are nothing of the sort. Mrs Charles Phythian, clerk to Cambs County Council had to withstand a good-natured ragging by Jack Ennion, another well-known solicitor, about the proposed demolition of the Old Shire Hall.

1953 02 28 c

Bar takings at the Exning Road Working Men's Club at Newmarket during 1952 were nearly £11,280 – a new record for the third year running and this, more than anything, reflected the manner in which members supported the club. It played a prominent part in social activities of the area and had developed into a community centre. It had no party politics and no class distinction but a happy atmosphere always prevailed and that had a great deal to do with its success.

1953 03 02 c

A Newmarket stable lad was fined £3.10s for being drunk while in charge of a bicycle and riding without lights. He can pay the fine at the rate of 10s a week. P.C. Flucker said he saw the defendant riding his machine in an erratic manner in Newmarket High Street. He was sitting on a saddle which consisted of three springs with no cover – which was uncomfortable. He veered to the nearside of the road and finally fell off. Told he would be reported he'd said: "You can send me to prison for two weeks but I won't pay a penny".

1953 04 16

The problem of litter being deposited on the roads in Newmarket resulted in five lorry drivers being summoned. The business involving the movement of stable manure had increased considerably and caused great concern. The council engineer said he was travelling along the Bury Road towards the Clock Tower when he saw a lorry carrying a load of manure leaving a trail of litter and straw along the road. The driver said his load was securely raked down and netted as far as possible. His vehicle had no sideboards and the net did not reach the bottom of the load. He was fined £2

1953 06 26

The last batch of over 2,000 schoolchildren attended a special showing of the Coronation film, 'Elizabeth is Queen', at the Kingsway Cinema, Newmarket. Originally it was planned that the town's two cinemas should arrange special performances for the children but a last minute hitch prevented the Doric from taking part. The renters of the film objected to the children being admitted free and desired the management to make a charge of 1s. a head. But the directors of the Kingsway offered to provide four special performances and all members of their staff gave their services free

1953 06 27

Racegoers at several local meetings have noticed a film unit hard at work. Ealing Studios are 'covering' the meetings to obtain background shots for the next Michael Balcon production, tentatively titled 'Newmarket Heath'. The film itself will go into production in August with much of the location work taking place at Newmarket. The only casting so far announced is that of the noted actor Edward Underdown, who will be seen as a trainer. John Hislop, the well-known amateur rider and racing correspondent is working on the picture as adviser.

1953 08 20

Remember that cricket match at the Oval and the history-making sweep by Denis Compton that carried a ball from Morris, the Australian Vice-Captain, to the long-leg boundary? Sixteen-year-old Billy Evans, freckled-faced son of Newmarket's Australian jockey, W.T. Evans, has the bat, signed by Compton. His mother bought it back when she returned from watching the thrilling match. Young



Billy was busy fielding in the covers for Newmarket Town Second XI when a substitute was sent out so he could be told his mother had the bat. He already has one given him by Keith Miller.

1953 08 22

Ealing Studios are getting into full production of their new Technicolor film, tentatively called "Newmarket Heath". The location unit has been filming scenes in the yard of Kremlin Stables, loaned by Mrs Lambton. To Newmarket's undying shame the unit has brought its own string of a dozen horses complete with six lads from Mr Vic Smyth's stable at Epsom. On location were Bill Owen, who plays the part of a warned-off jockey, and well-known character actor Charles Victor. Next week heralds the serious business of getting shots in the ring at the Rowley Mile racecourse.

1953 09 21

Newmarket Chamber of Trade are concerned that more and more local people seem to be going out of the town to do their shopping and have launched a shopping week. Messrs C. Watson is the complete house furnishers and has a high reputation. Chadwick's are the premier florists and greengrocers, while well-known 'Skeets' Martin has gone from strength to strength since he started his own shoe repair business and now employs people like Harry Price, who had his own business for 40 years.

1953 09 21

Ashfords is a Newmarket business well-known for value and variety which retains its distinctive family atmosphere while Ron Langley is a local boy who made good. Starting from scratch he has built up a business which caters for all classes of taxi and private hire work. F.W. Hobbs are theoretically ironmongers but seem to sell everything. They cater for the professional man like the decorator and builder but the average handyman can spend hours looking at their range of tools and garden implements.

1953 09 21

Horace Hawks sends his famous port sausages all over the world from his shop in Wellington Street, Newmarket. This week he offers a leg of pork to the oldest married couple in Newmarket or Exning, the eldest married couple whose wedding anniversary falls this week and the eldest lady living alone. Moons Cycle Depot is an enterprising combination of youthful endeavour and experience and is expanding its stock of cycles.

1953 09 21

Sheila Gay, Old Station Road, Newmarket caters exclusively for the lady who likes to be fashionably dressed and has frocks, suits and evening gowns of the highest quality whilst at Quant's you can get the best boots and shoes and they are displaying Moorland's sheepskin footwear. Goldings are bespoke tailors in the real sense of the word. They have made Jodhpurs and hacking jackets for most of the leading jockeys.

1953 10 09

An unusual feature – for Newmarket at any rate – of the West Suffolk County Council election is the fact that the two candidates in a straight fight are both receiving official political backing. The Newmarket Labour Party has often sponsored candidates but in officially backing Mr E.A. Dunham, the local Conservative party embarks on comparatively new tactics. A well-known businessman he was chairman of the U.D.C. and is one of the most active members of the Chamber of Commerce. His opponent, Mrs Constance Barnard was a founder-member of the Newmarket Labour Party and is a prominent member of the Co-operative movement.

1953 11 21

Cambridge is fortunate in having the chance to see the film of the 1953 Everest Expedition so soon after its world premiere. Through the generosity of Associated British Cinemas nearly 8,000 schoolchildren will see it at a special morning performance at the Regal and groups will come in from Newmarket, Saffron Walden, Huntingdon and Royston to see the only pictorial record of a magnificent British achievement. Councillors, Justices and Masters of Colleges have also been invited



1953

Firemen spent three hours fighting an outbreak in Air Ministry premises in Houldsworth Valley, Newmarket. They found a Nissen hut, used as offices, well ablaze. Office equipment and files were destroyed and the actual building was virtually gutted. The cause of the fire is unknown.

1953 12 02

Doubts were expressed whether Newmarket's allocation of 50 houses for 1954 was sufficient. There was a continued demand and the proposed derequisition means additional houses have to be provided for additional applicants. Some kind of allocation had to be maintained; the Ministry aimed to build 300,000 houses and to construct a greater number might halt progress because of a shortage of materials. But if the Council were in a position to build more the Ministry would probably make them an additional grant.

1954 04 01 c

Newmarket council has granted the Jockey Club £736, part of the cost of improving two tied cottages. But some councillors disagreed: they were a vastly wealthy body and yet were asking for assistance whereas there were many people in the town who had improved property and met their own costs. They were tied cottages and part of the business of the Jockey Club so they would not help the housing problem. "Are we going to subsidise a body which can well afford to pay for its own repairs – repairs which should have been done long before?" But Canon Scott denied the Jockey Club had been "frightfully cunning" about the matter

1954 04 22

The residents of Heath Lodge Estate, Newmarket's first post-war housing estate, may be 'lost of the church', the Rector feels. When he visits houses on the estate he is often kept standing on the doorstep – something he had never come across before. But the Houldsworth Valley estate was different, people were friends and the children attended Sunday School enough times to qualify for a stamp album and a book in which to do their work. It was essential he have a curate who could, by working continuously on the estate, win it back for Christ in 18 months.

1954 05 24

Newmarket Town's new sports and social club was opened by the manager of West Ham United Football Club. Their first aim was to be a place where people interested in any kind of sport could meet and talk over a glass of beer. Secondly they wanted to put Newmarket Town Football Club back on its feet financially and in sporting glory. The past seasons had not been as successful as they would have liked, but they always tried to play good football.

1954 08 04

Newmarket General Hospital's new student nurses cadet training scheme offers a golden opportunity to girls who desire to take up nursing as a career. Many who wanted to become nurses when they left school often found different work so that by the age of 18 they became lost to the profession. While they would do no actual nursing duties they would assist in the work of the Hospital. As salaries and general conditions improved nursing still offered the finest career a girl could undertake and one which was held in the highest esteem by everyone.

1954 09 17

Newmarket's King Edward VII Memorial Hall which for ten years following the bombing of 1941 served as the town's General Post Office, has re-opened for public use. The town had been without the amenity for 13 years and few people under 18 had ever been inside it. The Council had reconstructed the old building, modernised and decorated it but it still remained inconvenient. The alterations had cost almost as much as the original building. The actual dance floor was acknowledged as one of the best in East Anglia. One day they hoped to build a supper room alongside the present hall.

1954 11 26 c

So many members of the public attended a meeting of the Newmarket Urban District Council that additional chairs had to be brought into the council chamber. Even then about 30 people were told they could not attend because standing orders laid down that members of the public should be seated. Those who did get in heard a lengthy debate on light industry and a proposal by Messrs Alperson's, the local caravan manufacturer, to take over Harraton House Exning for light industry. Proposals to convert Harraton House stables and build 12 houses on an adjoining paddock had previously been agreed.

1954 12 17

Electricity supplies have been inadequate in the Newmarket area for some time but now a large bulk supply point has been installed at Fulbourn Old Drift and fed from the Barford Power Station. For months the huge overhead lines have been making their way across country. Previously the initial 132,000 volts supply had to be transferred down to 33,000 volts and carried overland but now with the new high tension system it will reach Fulbourn at the maximum level. It will help areas that have previously suffered from a serious drop in voltage during winter months.

1955 02 16

A Meteor jet aircraft made a successful forced landing at Newmarket. The pilot informed his companion that he had run out of fuel and had to attempt a landing. He missed the racecourse runway at his first approach and was compelled to land on the Heath. The landing was perfect and the aircraft came to a halt at the finishing post on the Rowley Mile course, immediately opposite the photo-finish camera. A guard was mounted round the plane all night and the pilot took off next morning. 55 02 16b

1955 07 22

Newmarket is unique and needs unique planning. Racing is more than the basic industry, it is the be-all and end-all of the town. Land used by racing came right into the centre and it would be at the peril of their lives if they tried to take it. Many people travelled into Cambridge to work but it was difficult to find sites for factories. Laureat Paddocks has been zoned for industrial development as has the area between Granby Street and the railway. Some allotment land could be used to provide homes but modern municipal houses with extensive gardens meant that demand for allotments was decreasing. 55 07 22b & c

1955 07 28

Patrick Conway told magistrates he was driving a bus on Newmarket Road, intending to turn right. He gave a hand signal and pulled into the centre of the road. A car behind began to overtake forcing a motorcyclist to swerve. The motorist said he thought the bus had stopped for passengers. Conductors in Cambridge buses should give hand signals from the rear of the bus to supplement those of the driver, as they did in London. 55 07 28

1955 09 16

Alperson's caravan manufacturers have found a new permanent home at Oaks Lodge on the Fordham Road, Newmarket. It will enable them to increase production and concentrate on the overseas market. There is a huge demand by the family man in the big industrial areas who finds it economical to buy a caravan and leave it on a site near the coast where he can stay every weekend. 55 09 16a

1955 10 12

Baby's body in air raid shelter, Newmarket - 55 10 12a

1955 12 21

Employees of Messrs R. Buttress & co, shirt makers, tailors and robe makers, gathered in their workroom for a presentation to Mr J. Hewish who is retiring at the age of 83. He has been a tailor for

65 years; he was apprenticed at Newmarket where he helped to make riding breeches and started in Cambridge for fivepence an hour. 55 12 21

1956 04 06

Maisons-Laffitte schoolchildren who have been spending 12 days in Newmarket found a BBC recording unit waiting to tape their views on their stay. It was a fitting climax to a grand holiday and will be broadcast on 'Radio Newsreel'. The most memorable event was a party arranged in the Memorial Hall when 350 French, English and American children joined in games. It was one of the best parties that Newmarket has seen for a long time – and one of the noisiest! 56 04 06a

1956 04 11

The death has occurred of Elijah Moore, one of the best-known figures in the Newmarket racing world. He opened his commission agency in 1890 at the Three Tuns before moving to Kingston Passage before the Great War. He owned some very useful racehorses including Lembach who won a number of races in the 1920s. His shooting activities made him internationally famous and he won the Monte Carlo Grand Prix for live pigeon shooting in 1911. 56 04 11

1956 08 10

Messrs Alpersons purchased Oaks Lodge in Fordham Road, Newmarket in 1955 and obtained planning permission to develop it for light industry. They were now building a considerable factory to manufacture caravans on an international scale. At present they made 2,000 a year and hoped this would double. They wanted to erect a filling station to meet a public need. But fumes from petrol had a detrimental effect on sensitive brood mares; it would impact on the bloodstock industry and be quite out of place, an inquiry heard. 56 08 10

1956 11 27

Two sections of army cadets searched an area of land near Wood Ditton for enemy outposts. These proved to be numerous and several attacks were carried out before the troops, accompanied by cadets from the Newmarket platoon, who had acted as the enemy, returned to their billets at Ditton Green to clean their weapons. Despite the cold weather and being covered in mud from head to foot, they all agreed it was a wonderful weekend. 56 11 27b

1956 12 12

Newmarket All Saints' Infants School closed after three children were found to be suffering from polio and the pupils will not be attending Sunday School until further notice. When the news first broke rumours spread that there were a dozen suspected cases, but the Medical Officer says there is only one more, a mother of four living at the Houlsworth estate. 56 12 12

1957 01 17

Newmarket council has plans to build 50 houses, but the tenders are not worth the paper they were written on. The cost of materials was rising and there was an increase in haulage charges. Building wages had also increased and contractors had the right to claim for these. If a two-bedroomed bungalow was built at a cost of £1,300 the economical rent would be £1.6s. (£1.30). But for every extra £100 it cost the rent would increase by 2s.3d. (16p) a week. Houses were wanted in the area, but you can buy gold too dearly. 57 01 17a

1957 03 05

A record crowd of 10,000 witnessed some exciting racing at Moulton when the Newmarket and Thurlow Hunt organised their most successful point-to-point meeting. 98 runners competed over the three-and-a-half mile all-grass course. The only really serious casualty occurred when Mr G. Mason's grand old horse, Treasure, dropped dead after throwing his rider near the finish. 57 03 05

1957 04 29

Two Cambridge girls were taken to Newmarket Hospital on Saturday night after an American Service Jeep in which they were travelling crashed through the Mill Street Bridge in Mildenhall and fell into

the river. Five American servicemen who were also in the vehicle were taken to a base hospital at Lakenheath. The bridge has only recently had temporary repairs carried out after an American truck damaged it in two places. 57 04 29d

1957 07 05

The Waggon and Horses in Newmarket High Street was a well-known coaching inn famous for its cooked hams which it baked in special boilers on the premises. In recent years however it has become just another hostelry. Now Messrs Whitbread's are making efforts to restore it to its former glory. It has been redecorated and enlarged and was reopened by Newmarket trainer, Jack Jarvis. 57 07 05

1957 11 31

The Stokes Motor Company have bought the former mineral water works in Park Lane, Newmarket, where they will tune and maintain sports cars - not ordinary run-of-the-mill vehicles – and might build a sports racing car for next season. There is one problem: hundreds and hundreds of broken empty bottles are crammed between the ceiling of one building and the floor above! 57 09 27a  
Newmarket fire inquest – 57 11 31

1958 01 11

Newmarket Judo Club, which was started by Les Bonwell in 1955, has been struggling to survive after its headquarters – Churchill Hall in Queen Street – were badly damaged by fire. But Lord Derby allowed them to use the old RAF gymnasium at the Snailwell Camp, which was in bad condition. Now it has 20 members some of whom cycle from Waterbeach. They include two ladies: it is a surprising sight to see a young girl throw a man much heavier than herself. 58 01 11

1958 02 26

Wamil Hall which stands beside the River Lark at Mildenhall was badly damaged by fire. About two thirds of the building was destroyed. A Newmarket fire engine equipped with skid chains completed the journey in 15 minutes, a remarkable feat in view of the state of the roads to this isolated spot. The Hall contains a secret passage and a 'ghost-walk'. "Old Lady Rainbow" haunts the house and neighbouring plantations. It was built about 1570 and has suffered other disastrous fires in 1895 and 1912. 58 02 26a

1958 08 29

A Victorian archway is now being re-erected at Park Paddocks, Newmarket. It was built in 1865 when Messrs Tattersalls moved their saleyard from Hyde Park Corner to Knightsbridge and formed the main entrance for carriages until the buildings were demolished to make way for a new block of offices. It has no particular architectural value and is rather too narrow for horseboxes to pass through but will serve as a memorial of the old London saleyard. 58 08 29

1958 11 07

Newmarket UDC commemorated the completion of its 1,000th house with a brief ceremony when the key of no.10 Bahram Close was handed to the new tenant, Mr J.P. Stafford. A great deal of thought had gone into the planning of the Heath Lodge and Houldsworth Valley Estates with their wide roads and tree planting schemes. Shops had been provided and the post office had been persuaded not to erect unsightly poles. Their first council house was built in 1921 and 311 had been completed before the war. 58 11 07e

1959 01 01

Newmarket magistrates' court was crowded when thirteen young men appeared following a fight between American servicemen and local youths outside the Carlton Hotel. The lads came into court with large cards bearing their names and ages hanging round their necks, while the Americans had their names neatly printed on small cards pinned to their tunics. As there was such a large number answering the complaint, the local youths had to sit on the floor. One American was asked to leave and remove his chewing gum. 59 01 01 & a

1959 01 02

Cambridgeshire Football Association was launched on 24th January 1884 at a meeting in the Guildhall. A trial game was organised between two teams selected from Old Perseans, Modern Perseans and Cassandra on one side and the Granta, Rovers, Printers and Albert on the other. Newmarket, Linton, Sawston Swifts and Cam affiliated at the outset. In those days the game was controlled by two umpires, one in each half of the field. Should they disagree the matter was referred to a referee who sat outside the field of play. 59 01 02 & a 59 01 06a

1959 08 14

The Rev Mrs Grace Adams, Congregational Minister to the Cheveley Group, say she has always met with kindness and the men have been most gallant and trusting. Women are given full rights in the Congregational church and they exchange preachers with other denominations. Last year she preached at the Newmarket Anglican Church on the Women's Day of Prayer. She is an encouragement for more members of the sex to follow her example. 59 08 14

1960 02 10

Newmarket's Memorial Hall was packed by stablemen in one of the strongest gatherings the town has ever seen. There were boos and catcalls as officials of the Transport and General Workers Union tried to dissuade the men from taking strike action over their demands for a minimum weekly wage of ten guineas, clothing allowance and proper holiday and week-end agreements. Exchanges became very heated and apprentices from the Heath House Hostel, who have been on strike for better conditions marched out in protest. They have been told the Hostel would be closed as soon as private lodgings had been found for them. The trainers had been invited but none attended. 60 02 10

1960 03 01

Cambridge should be granted County Borough status and so control its own destiny, the Local Government Commission recommends in its draft proposals. But Cambridgeshire would not then be an effective administrative unit and should be merged with the Soke of Peterborough, Huntingdonshire and the Isle of Ely to be able to provide a comprehensive range of services. Royston Urban District should join the new county but Newmarket should remain in West Suffolk and St Neots be transferred to Bedfordshire. Now the recommendations will be subject to public consultation. 60 03 01 & a

1960 03 08

Newmarket Association for Prosecution of Felons history 60 03 08

1960 08 20

Within the next few days a Cambridge rock'n'roll group may be offered the chance of turning professional. The Redcaps has five members, average age 19: Robin Bailey on drums, Jimmy Graham (lead guitar), Graham Smith, Neddy Bishop and vocalist Tony Clark. Their guitars cost up to £148 and the drums £98 but they were fortunate in being given an amplifier. They dress in grey trousers and black shirts but hope to buy new gold lame jackets soon. Their first performance at Newmarket was 'a bit sticky to begin with' as was that at Daddy's Night Club in Cambridge, but now they play in halls around the region. 60 08 20a

1960 09 30

Over 1,200 elderly people will converge on Newmarket's Doric Cinema for the annual variety concert. There to greet them will be Newmarket pork butcher, Horace Hawkes, the man behind the formation of so many old folk's clubs. His interest in the welfare of the aged borders almost on fanaticism and no one can have any idea what he pays out of his own pocket for such entertainments. From very small beginnings he built up his business and today his sausages are sold all over the country. 60 09 30c

1960 10 04

Newmarket telephone exchange was bombed in 1941 and new buildings opened in 1949. Now it is the first in the region to have Subscriber Trunk Dialling. A call to Aintree that would have cost three shillings was now only two. Local calls would be twopence for three minutes during the day and for six minutes at night and on Sundays. 60 10 04

1961 02 01

The Chequers Rock'n'Roll group, formed by members of St Luke's Youth Club, staged a dance in the Guildhall. Jennifer Smith plays the drums, the vocalist is Andy Peters, bass guitarist Tony Saintey, rhythm guitarist Noel Gooch and solo guitarist Tony White. They featured four of their own tunes which are intended for an experimental record they hope to make soon. Johnny Cullum and the Phantoms, a group better known in Newmarket, also performed. 61 02 01c

1961 08 01

Hopes that Cambridge would become a County Borough able to manage its own affairs have been dashed by the Local Government Commission. The improvement of county government should take priority: it could not be effective without the city and would have to be enlarged by taking in other areas. Cambridgeshire should join with the Isle of Ely to form one unit and the town of Royston should come into the area. The position of Newmarket has not yet been determined. 61 08 01

1971 08 18

The Dragon Rapide, one of the most popular types of aircraft from de Havilland, is disappearing from the local scene. Until recently Marshall's Flying Services used a fleet of four to operate charter services for jockeys and trainers from Newmarket. Built between 1934 and 1946 they are economical to operate and maintain and even now are a common sight. Some firms use them as executive machines while others still plod the air routes. Marshall's has not entirely said farewell to the bi-plane era: they still have five Tiger Moths for instructional flying 61 08 18

1961 09 29

The Queen opened the Gladys Yule Surgical Wing at the Equine Research Station of the Animal Health Trust at Newmarket. It is the most advanced horse hospital in the world with an operating theatre where unconscious animals are carried on electrically operated overhead hoists. The Duke of Edinburgh's favourite polo pony will be one of the first 'patients'; it needs a leg operation pioneered by the Station's veterinary surgeons. 61 09 29

1961 09 30

Queen opens Gladys Yule surgical wing at Newmarket – 61 09 30

1962 91 16

Tommy, the railway shunt horse from Newmarket has died, literally in harness. He was pulling a loaded grain wagon under the watchful eye of his shunter when, without previous warning, he collapsed and fell to the ground. Within seconds it was all over. The 10-year old handsome grey gelding of 17 hands was chosen to take part in the Horse of the Year Show because of his personality. A scrounger for tit-bits and a swank, he seemed instinctively to know how to get his way with human beings. Although he would jib at pulling more than two horse boxes at a time, Tommy was never work-shy and was a first class shunt horse. 62 01 16a

1962 91 39

W.H. Smith's bookstall on Newmarket railway station was completely destroyed by fire. It was first noticed at 11pm but there was no one at the station at that time and when firemen arrived the stall was well alight. Flames spread along the wooden awning above the platform, several doors were scorched by the heat and windows were broken. Two cycles used for newspaper deliveries were also severely damaged. 62 01 30



1962 03 17

Fire broke out one of the narrowest thoroughfares in Newmarket threatening four shops which were more than 500 years old and constructed almost entirely of wood. The manager of the Freeman, Hardy and Willis' shop saw flames coming from the second storey window of Jack Taylor's pet shop in Market Street, and dashed across the road to the 'Newcabs' taxi office to call the Fire Brigade. The upper rooms were badly burned and the shops damaged by water. But the wooden walls of the buildings survived intact 62 03 17a

1962 07 05

A leather bag containing 22 sticks of gelignite has been found in a wagon of coal delivered to Newmarket Railway Station. The locked wagon had been taken to the Co-operative Coal Depot in All Saints Road where the bag was discovered. Staff thought it contained tools but on opening they discovered sticks of gelignite wrapped in grease-proof paper. These looked very damp and dangerous so police were called. There was no question of the explosive being delivered with anybody's coal. The bag is thought to have belonged to a shot-firer who worked at the coal mine. 62 07 05

1962 09 25

Newmarket has been completely forgotten in the latest Suffolk Development plan, say councillors. It would be better for it to go into Cambridgeshire. While other towns were to have new industry and overspill Newmarket would remain 'just a little village'. Unless arrangements are made for development young people and existing craftsmen would be drained away. Population should be increased by 3,000 and a by-pass constructed without further delay. 62 09 25a

1962 09 27

Thieves broke into a booking office at Newmarket Railway Station during the night and used gelignite to blow open a safe. "It must have been a very disappointing night's work for them, because they only got about £20" said Mr C.E. Tolliday, the station-master. Iron bars being used by bricklayers carrying out repairs to the Wood Ditton Road railway bridge were used to force the doors. The robbery was discovered shortly after 6.30 am by Mr Reg Cummins, a porter. The last train to pass through the station last night was the 9.16 from Cambridge and the safe had been locked at 9.45pm. 62 09 27

1963 01 01

Newmarket Congregational Church trustees are negotiating to buy Ellesmere House, the former training establishment in Exeter Road, and would like to build a new church and manse on the site. They are anxious to take advantage of an offer made to them by a commercial undertaking for their present church in the High Street. But Newmarket UDC are still planning the future road pattern in the centre of town and cannot comment on the future use of the Ellesmere House plot 63 01 01a

1963 02 02

Like other sport, golf has been hit by the appalling weather conditions with no play since Boxing Day at the Gog Magog course. The ground was frozen before then and the greens have not been fit to use since the middle of December: they are like lakes and the bunkers full of snow. At Newmarket greens are like frozen lakes, Girton's nine holes are completely waterlogged, St Ives frozen solid and the hilly course at Royston has drifts many feet deep. 63 02 02b

1963 02 18

East and West Suffolk will not amalgamate, Newmarket UDC should be retained – 63 02 18

1963 02 21

There were a great number of old people in Burwell who needed a Meals on Wheels service Magnetic Devices of Newmarket had offered to provide 10 meals from their canteen each day and the W.V.S., who used to operate a free soup service, may help again. At Soham they charged one shilling a meal – the price having been reduced from one-and-six when it was found some old people were unable to afford that amount. The cost of producing the meal was two shilling and twopence and the money

needed was raised locally. They were lucky to have an excellent band of voluntary workers who went round in their cars delivering the food. 63 02 21a

1963 02 26

Building land sought in Newmarket as private housing below average – 63 02 26a

1963 03 21

Demolition workers on Icewell Hill, Newmarket have discovered a dry well, believed to be a medieval method of refrigeration from which the area gets its name. It is mainly square, unlike a normal water well. When lighted torches were thrown down the hole they revealed a tunnel leading horizontally from the bottom, which is believed to be 30 feet deep. Other wells have been found in the area, two were filled in several years ago. Archaeologists hope that more may be unearthed when new buildings are constructed. 63 03 21

1963 05 02

The Aga Khan flew to Paris from Cambridge in a specially-chartered airliner after visiting Newmarket races to watch his horse race in the Two Thousand Guineas. But sadly he had no luck – Darannour was unplaced. Whilst waiting for his plane's clearance he was shown over a Bristol Freighter used to fly racehorses to Ireland and a new Beech Queen Air business aircraft. The Sales Manager of Marshall's said the Aga Khan was keenly interested in all types of executive aircraft. 63 05 02a

1963 07 04

At the new Forensic Laboratory at Newmarket Equine Research Station scientists will work to combat horse doping. The Soham House laboratory was formerly home to Dorothy Paget, racehorse owner, 63 07 04

1963 11 14

Headquarters of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Territorial Army may move from Ipswich to Bury or Newmarket. The Drill Hall in East Road may close 63 11 14a

1964 02 03

A railway porter and his family have lived at the 120-year-old Newmarket railway goods station for seven years. Their 10-roomed Victorian 'mansion' has a frontage of over 100ft and along its length are nine pairs of magnificent columns. It stands in its own grounds and costs £1.1s.4d. a week to rent. Inside offices have been converted into three bedrooms, a lounge, living room and kitchen. There is also a large cellar. But he would prefer to live in a small, comfortable, three-bedroomed house. "We are very lonely and have problems getting baby sitters because they think the place is haunted", he says. 64 02 03

1964 02 13

The Victory, one of Newmarket's oldest public houses, was officially closed on New Year's Day. Now demolition workers are pulling down what has been a familiar landmark for over 100 years. The pub is the second to be demolished under Newmarket Council's Icewell Hill re-development scheme. The Wheatsheaf was the first. Under an agreement with the owners, Tollemache and Cobbold Ltd, they have been replaced by a new building, The Palomino on the Houldsworth Valley estate 64 02 13a

1964 05 01

Sprite Limited was into being in 1949 when Sam Alper moved his small caravan-making business from the East End of London to Newmarket. It was initially centred in an old garage near the station. Production was slow: manufacture of the chassis and final assembly of the caravans was carried out at the garage, the sides were assembled at Stetchworth and painting was done at Cambridge. Then in 1955 it moved to a 10-acre site on the Fordham Road and sales rocketed. The firm merged with Bluebird Caravans to form Caravans International, the largest in Britain. 64 05 01

1964 06 06

Newmarket's 120-year-old goods station with its grandiose façade of nine pairs of stone columns is still in everyday use. Caravans and machinery account for most of the traffic. Standing in its own grounds with a frontage of over 100 feet it gives the impression of a country mansion. Until recently it was home to a railway porter but they have moved to a more modern house and now the rooms are draped in dust sheets, unused. Newmarket councillors call it a 'monstrosity' and want it to be used for industrial development. But now it has been listed as a building of special architectural interest 64 06 06c

1964 07 09

Tattersalls plans for new sales ring at Newmarket – 64 07 09

1964 08 20

A bomb disposal squad from London removed a hand grenade from a Newmarket vicar's garden – after it had been for four days in a hole in the wall with a notice stating it was an unexploded bomb. The grenade, though to be a relic from the Great War, was discovered by the Vicar of St Mary's just before he left for holiday. He contacted the police who put it into a niche in the garden wall with a notice warning people to keep away. The bomb disposal squad have now taken it. 64 08 20a

1964 09 03

Passenger services on the Ely to Newmarket line are to be withdrawn on January 4th and Soham and Fordham stations will be closed. Alternative bus services will be provided, though the stationmaster says that the present system is quite adequate to cope with the two or three passengers who use the stations. The line is uneconomic: six trains stop a day during summer but none run at time when a heavy load of passengers could be expected. The staff of 12 at each station will be retained to deal with freight traffic such as scrap iron from Middlesbrough and flowers from local nurseries 64 09 03b

1964 09 04

A journey on the fated Ely-Newmarket railway line shows why it has become the victim of Beeching's axe. The only regular traveller is a British Railway employee who uses it to get home to Fordham. Two people got on at Ely – both BR staff – and the only other passengers were an American couple touring Britain. There was nobody waiting at Soham or Fordham. Sometimes up to 30 people get on the Ely-bound station at Soham before changing trains to Cambridge but mostly only a few people use it. 64 09 04

1964 12 16

When Artic Prince won the Derby in 1951 Royston streets were decorated with flags as it was welcomed back to Willie Stephenson's training stables. He established the thoroughly modern 'Tudor Stud' at Aspenden with 100 beautifully-equipped boxes after the Newmarket area became terribly 'horse sick'. Royston has been a racing town for well over 300 years with annual races dating back to the time of James I whose stables known as 'The Jockey House' were just beyond the end of the present heath. 64 12 16a

1965 02 10

Newmarket railway station facelift – 65 02 10d

1965 04 22

Newmarket Wellington Street a stinking back alley – 65 04 22c

1965 04 22

Charlie is last railway horse at Newmarket – 65 04 22e

1965 06 21

Five storey corn mill All Saints Road, Newmarket may be demolished – 65 06 21

1965 07 26

Newmarket traffic problems – 65 07 26a, b

1965 09 13

Last passenger train from Ely to Newmarket – feature & photo – 65 09 13a, b

1968 10 04

John Slater photographer started Newmarket after WWII, moved to maltings in Fordham Rd 1968 producing good-quality colour prints – 68 10 04a

1969 06 26

Pete Sayers, Newmarket singer has own TV show in Nashville – 69 06 26

1972 02

West Suffolk highway officials are considering what went wrong when a £30,000 road improvement scheme to speed traffic at Newmarket's busiest junction caused chaos and confusion when it was tried out this week.

1972 07 07

The Government amendment to the Local government Bill retaining Newmarket in Suffolk has been agreed by the Commons. The amendment which has been bitterly opposed by Newmarket Urban Council means that Suffolk's borders will remain largely unchanged, but East and West Suffolk will become one county. At Newmarket today, the chairman of the urban council, Coun. Leslie Bell said "This now starts the fight". Representatives of the urban council, Newmarket Rural Council and Ely Rural and Urban Councils are to meet the county council members and officials to see if anything can be done to reverse the ruling. The four councils have been working together for more than a year on the basis that they were to form a new district council within Cambridgeshire

1972 08 26

Six mile queues of traffic built up at Newmarket today as the big Bank Holiday getaway moved into top gear. The A.A. warned drivers to steer clear of the town, a notorious holiday bottleneck for people heading to the East Coast. The Newmarket bottleneck caused queues to bank up along the A11 as far as Six Mile Bottom. Drivers were taking almost an hour to travel the two- mile stretch from Stetchworth Toll to Newmarket and an estimated 1,800 cars an hour were passing through the town

1972 09 14

Six out of seven vehicles which travel along Newmarket High Street - the bottleneck of East Anglia's road system – will be diverted away from the town if a 14-mile-long by-pass is built, a Department of the Environment official told a public inquiry yesterday. "On market days, on race days, at weekends and at many other times, long queues develop through the town centre of Newmarket and stretch back, sometimes for miles, along the main roads into the town" John Coates of the Eastern Road Construction unit said.

1972 10 11

Two councillors resigned today as accusations mounted over a £300,000 gift offered for a swimming pool at Newmarket, which has now been withdrawn by millionaire racehorse owner Mr David Robinson. One of the terms laid down by Mr Robinson was that the pool must be built on the Severals at Newmarket and that the council must be unanimous in accepting his offer and conditions. At Monday night's meeting councillors could not agree on where the pool should be sited. Mr Robinson was accused of trying to dictate to the council. Mr Robinson withdrew his offer in a letter.

1972 10 30

From today letters posted to addresses at Ely, Haverhill, Newmarket and Saffron Walden should bear postmarks. And the Post Office hope people in these areas will show a better example than Cambridge

residents. For after four years only 30 per cent of the letters posted in Cambridge are postmarked. A Swedish postmaster who recently visited Cambridge said "We have no problems with postmarks in our country. Ninety per cent of the people responded immediately to the system". Asked how they achieved that amazing success rate he replied "We don't deliver the letters to the addresses that are not postcoded"

1972 11 11

Mr David Robinson, the millionaire Newmarket racehorse owner and businessman may be the "mystery benefactor" behind the plans of Gonville and Caius college Cambridge, for a new mixed undergraduate college. Mr Robinson's name has been linked with the anonymous gift announced a year ago which is thought to be worth about £5 million. Caius college, founded in 1348, has been considering possible sites for the proposed college. The college-owned house "Finella" on Queen's Road and their sports ground on Barton Road have been considered.

1972 12 02

An R.A.F. camp - complete with barrack block, N.A.A.F.I., officers' mess and guard room - is due to be auctioned at Newmarket later this month. The camp, which was formerly an important communications centre, is one of the smallest in the country. Although there are all the facilities for training a private army, the camp at the top of Newmarket High Street, is likely to be sold to property developers. Planners have indicated that permission for housing is likely to be given. The three-acre site has been empty since the R.A.F. Eastern Region communications headquarters was moved away, and Post Office staff now run a communications section. Another Newmarket landmark, the old goods station at All Saints road is also to be auctioned on the same day. The station is a grade two listed building and is regarded by experts as one of the finest examples of early Victorian baroque architecture, but is now in a bad state of repair

1972 12 07

A large out-of-town shopping complex covering about 10 acres is being planned for Newmarket Road, just outside the Cambridge boundary. But Cambridge planning committee decided to resist the project. Fears were expressed about the effect the shopping centre would have for the city council's plans for redeveloping the Burleigh street - Fitzroy street area. Marshalls of Cambridge (Engineering) made an application to develop the shopping complex, together with car parking and garages on a site immediately to the East of their vehicular workshops off Newmarket Road. The site faces Cambridge airport

1973 03 26

Work on the proposed £4 million industrial development scheme for Studlands Park, Newmarket, is to begin shortly. The developers, Beadle Property Holdings, announced that tenders for the first part of the 30-acre project are going out this week. Work is scheduled to begin on the first five 10,000 sq ft factories in the summer. The complex, to be known as the Beadle Trading Estate will take four years to complete and will provide jobs for an estimated 1,000 people

1973 04 27

A combination of originality and discipline had distinguished his company over the past 25 years, said Mr Sam Alper, chairman of Caravans International Ltd. He was reminiscing at a luncheon given to celebrate a quarter of a century of the Sprite caravan, which is manufactured at the rate of one every four minutes at the company's factory at The Oaks, Fordham Road, Newmarket. Mr Alper paid tribute to Newmarket where the firm had come by chance in 1948. "It is unique and it would be a tragedy if it lost its uniqueness because the importance of racing were to disappear or fade and become insignificant". His firm had had their problems with what was the only industry in Newmarket but that was natural to react against the introduction of a foreign body

1973 05 04

It could be a record year for four singers from Cambridge area who have all had new LPs issued within the last few months. They are Pete Atkin, Jancis Harvey, Pete Sayers and Shusha. Mr Atkin, a



professional singer appeared in several University Footlights Club revues. His lyricist is Clive James, a Pembroke graduate, critic, journalist and erstwhile front man of the television programme "Cinema". Jancis Harvey, clear-voiced as ever but now very much more professional, has filled the Albert Hall at Nottingham while singing in concert. Pete Sayers, country singer and guv'nor of Grand Ole Opry, the monthly show at Newmarket, needs no introduction to countless Newmarket fans

1973 06 04

This is the week the bulldozers break through a tangle of red tape and purse strings to make a start on two vital bypasses for towns in the Cambridge area. Today a start is made at Huntingdon, in two days it will be the turn of Newmarket, one of Britain's worst bottlenecks. The two schemes have escaped the Government's road spending axe. Together they will cost £15 million and take two years to complete

1973 09 08

The men from the Ministry have given in to the potato pickers of Burwell. They say villagers can go and dig up the 80 tons of potatoes which red tape threatened to let rot. They are in a field which has been bought for the construction of the Newmarket bypass. Earlier this week about 40 villagers who were trying to salvage the potatoes were ordered off the field by workmen. Villagers and conservationists raised a storm of protest.

1973 11 26

Newmarket can be described as the typical small country town for shopping – all the necessities of life and a few of the luxuries are available in one main area and in several small ones. There are no less than five saddlers in the town. Apart from such rarefied suppliers many of the grocery chain stores have branches in the town: Liptons, International Stores, Fine Fare and the Co-operative Society. Smaller grocery stores are dying out but Laing's, an old-established and more specialised food chop, keeps going under the aegis of Fine Fare. There is nothing special in clothing. Ashfords is a good general drapery if you don't expect high fashion, and Janes two boutiques with Norma's room at the Top are respectable rather than distinguished.

1973 12 21

Cambridge University has been given £10 million to build and endow a new college for graduate and undergraduate students, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Jack Linnett, announced today. The lump sum gift has been handed over by the Newmarket racehorse owner, Mr David Robinson, who started his career at the age of 15 as an apprentice in his father's cycle shop in Cambridge. The new college will be built on a 12½ acre site on land bounded by Herschel Road and Grange Road.

1973 12 31

Much of what happens in Newmarket next year will be a continuation of this year's events. The by-pass will be opened, the George Lambton playing fields laid out on the Fordham Road, the Rookery and All Saints' areas developed and the swimming pool (maybe) started. But by far the greatest event is one in which the public has not been much interested – the joining of Newmarket and Mildenhall into one administrative body, Forest Heath district.

1974 06 25

The Newmarket millionaire racehorse owner, Mr David Robinson, is to sell Cambridge city centre property in Sidney Street. The site, which includes Millers Music Centre, the Arts Cinema and part of the Eaden Lilley store is due to be auctioned in London. But the future of the Arts cinema, on which the lease does not expire until 1981, is safe. Any future owner will have to retain its use as a cinema

1974 07 26c

The racing industry would collapse without stablelads. They are the nursemaids of the industry. There are about 750 stable workers in Newmarket. For years their conditions and rates of pay were deplorable. This has changed completely since the strike of 1960 and Newmarket is considered one of the best racing towns in which to work. The basic weekly wage is now £26.43



1974 08 23

A convoy of lorries carrying 50 one-ton bombs to an American air base were diverted on to the half-built Newmarket by-pass last night when some of the loads were found to have shifted dangerously. Explosive experts examined the bombs for damage before they were reloaded by a crane brought from USAF Lakenheath. The scare lasted for five hours and involved dozens of firemen, police and American military personnel. An atmosphere of secrecy surrounded the incident from its beginning near the railway crossing on the A11 at Six Mile Bottom. Military explosive shipments are on Cambridgeshire roads every day without police escort, and without information being given to the fire service.

1974 10 03

The most costly new houses are so difficult to sell that some Mid-Anglia builders have temporarily stopped constructing them. But general house sales are picking up after a slump of two months ago, say estate agents. A £15,000 three-bedroomed detached house built at Shelford two years ago is to be sold shortly. Hockeys Ltd of Cambridge report that houses costing less than £10,000 were selling "extremely well". At Haverhill prices have dropped to a lower level. The houses that were not shifting were in the £12 - £20,000 bracket. In Newmarket houses in the £10-14,000 price bracket were selling quite easily

1974 11 15

A barmaid told Newmarket magistrates court of the big problems small townspeople were causing her. She said "Newmarket is a very funny place to serve drinks. You get so many small people, you can't tell their ages". The licensee had been charged with selling liquor to persons under the age of 18. The presiding magistrate dismissed the charges.

1975 05 02

Newmarket stable lads' pay dispute spread to the racecourse, bringing chaos to the first day of the Guineas meeting. Trouble started when 150 lads staged a sit-in on the course and delayed the start of the race by 15 minutes. Further sit-ins during the afternoon led to angry confrontations involving stable lads, jockeys, police, course officials and racegoers. Willie Carson said he was "sore, especially around the legs" where he had been hit with his own snatched riding crop.

1975 07 12

Newmarket shoppers were amazed to find they could cross High Street without taking their life in their hands yesterday. Minutes earlier the £9.5 million 15-mile Newmarket bypass had been officially and unceremoniously opened by the last of the Wimpey men who have been working on it for two years. The long-awaited bypass immediately took 75% of the traffic out of the town. The manager of Laings said the bypass would help shopkeepers as people won't be so scared to come out and shop on both sides of the road. It would encourage holiday traffic to stop and shop.

1975 09 09

The unveiling of a sculptured horse mural in Newmarket's new £1.1 million Rookery shopping precinct developed into a comedy of errors. What opened with a rousing drum roll and the arrival of the band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, ended with a barely audible whisper when the public address system failed. Happily councillor John Barker happened to have a loud hailer in his car. The developers' competition to find the best explanation for the clock bearing the figures 13 instead of 12 lost its point when workmen painted the extra Roman numeral I out. It had to be replaced with the help of black sticky tape.

1975 09 26

The secretary of the Newmarket Stablelads' TGWU branch, Mr Harry Foley, retires after a lifetime in the racing industry. In a few days' time he will be 82 – but the little man who has been a familiar figure in Newmarket for 50 years is still full of fighting spirit. In defiance of his age, he fought alongside the pickets in the three-month-long stablelads strike.

1975 11 29

Few towns can boast a singing garage man with a genuine 'silver' tenor voice, but Newmarket has one in the burly shape of pump attendant, 64-year-old Mr Percy Bursford. Favoured petrol purchasers at the Rutland Hill Motor garage have the pain of forking out for fuel eased by his liquid tones. There is nothing he enjoys more than letting rip with a full-throated burst of light opera over the cash till. He has been singing since he joined St Mary's Church choir and became a boy soloist at Ely Cathedral and he once got as far as an audition at Covent Garden.

1976 01 05

About 700 homes in mid-Anglia were without electricity today – more than 48 hours after the gales. The areas hit by major faults included Saffron Walden, Ickleton, Burwell, Littleport, Haddenham, Gamlingay and Melbourn. Up until yesterday afternoon between 1,500 and 2,000 homes had been without power. The Fire Brigade dealt with 150 emergency calls and had all their appliances working to make wind-damaged property safe. Thirty caravans were blown over at Caravan International's Newmarket site.

1976 03 08

A Surrey publican is trying to fill an entire block of flats at Newmarket with licensees from all over the country. He believes the flats in the Moulton Court block are very reasonably priced at between £12-£17,000 each but individual flats are not for sale. So he has advertised nationally in the trade press for 24 "sporting ladies or gentlemen" to join him in making a bid for the whole block which has been empty since it was completed about 14 months ago. Licensees are very well in small doses but when they gather together they are almost unbearably ebullient. Moulton Road could become a very lively area of Newmarket – Chris South

1976 04 30

Rabies, the terrifying disease which can be carried by animals, made an appearance on Newmarket Heath only six years ago. A diseased dog was probably running down Newmarket's High Street and across the Heath in 1970. Immediate action by the region's veterinary authorities isolated the animal, a terrier called Sessan. Later it was considered necessary to destroy a companion dog owned by the same family and the cats at a veterinary surgeon's. House to house enquiries were made at 310 premises and other dogs isolated. Fortunately the dog had not passed on the disease to wildlife or any valuable racehorses

1976 06 01

A £34,000 radio link for Cambridgeshire doctors – the largest radio communication system in Britain – proved its effectiveness by calling out a doctor from a dinner to celebrate its opening. Dr Simon Bailey, a Newmarket General Practitioner, was amongst those who watched David Lane, MP, open the control room of the system. An hour later a pocket-bleeping device brought him away from his meal to the telephone and news of a suspected heart attack. Mr Neville Silverston, secretary of the organisation who set up the service, added that without the bleeper Dr Bailey would have had to miss the dinner altogether

1976 09 22

All fish in the River Snail, near Fordham, have been killed after a discharge of pollution from Newmarket Sewage Treatment Works during routine replacement of drive equipment to the aerators in the activated sludge plant. Coun Newport said the river was often used for paddling by young children and the pollution could have resulted in an epidemic. "The Anglian Water Authority did not mention it, hoping it would pass unnoticed", he said. "Fordham has already threatened the AWA with High Court action if this occurs again".

1976 10 06

A Newmarket councillor explained why he slips out of "tedious" council meetings for a few minutes. "I find the only way I can contain my impatience is to go out for a pint", he said. "I make no bones

about it I find certain meetings drag on with repetitions and irrelevancies". He was opposing a suggestion to reduce by £2 the attendance allowance of councillors arriving more than 15 minutes late or leaving the meeting for more than 15 minutes. He could down a pint in 15 seconds and be back from the pub within 15 minutes.

1977 01 07

Newmarket's one-man band of talent, Pete Sayers once used to be a country singer. He is now an all-round entertainer. His "brother" Dennis, a yokel, has an inoffensive yet earthy sense of humour likely to brand him as Suffolk's answer to Billy Connolly. He speaks with wildly protruding teeth and wears thick-lensed spectacles, a cloth cap and a dirty old mackintosh. A firm favourite, he was less funny last night with the effect that his act went on too long. Another polished character is Ricky Storm, a raving rock'n'roll hangover from the 1950s with a "DA" hairstyle, "creeper" shoes and smart period suit, while Lawanda Davis, his female impersonation, is a full-figured country singer straight out of Nashville.

1977 02 04

Every one of four generation of the Reynolds family is a past, present or future "rock king". They are Mr James Robert Reynolds, aged 85, his son Jack, his grandson John and his great grandson James Robert, seven. Jack still makes old-fashioned brown rock – square, not lettered - in a tiny plant at the back of his shop in Newmarket Road, Cambridge which he mans seven days a week. He joined his father when he left school at the age of 14. There have been "rock kings" in the family for at least six generations. "It would be nice to see it go on – and every one of them a 'J'" he said.

1977 07 25

The Newmarket millionaire Mr David Robinson has added another £7 million to the £10 million he gave in 1973 for the foundation of a new college in Cambridge. The additional money will be used to overcome the effects of inflation and establish a trust fund to attract top-class academics to the college mainly from abroad. The shy millionaire who started off in his father's bicycle business in Cambridge refused to be interviewed or photographed

1977 08 12

For more than three years Cambridge has been on the verge of getting a £3 million civic hall gift from the Newmarket millionaire Mr David Robinson. But secret talks between City Councillor Jack Warren and the man who has paid £17 million to found a new college in Cambridge have collapsed with a letter from Mr Robinson saying, "It is impossible". Coun Warren made one last telephone call to the man he had come to know as a friend. Mr Robinson said his wife was ill and he was selling up and going to live in a bungalow

1977 10 26

When Mr Reg Smart first looked at a site in Newmarket for which his company had tendered for the contract to build 259 council dwellings, he admitted it looked frightening. For this contract was worth £ 2 million. The business started in the early 1960s from a Cambridge council house with the sum of £30 holiday pay which he received when leaving the gas board. The success of Phantom and Moreton estate venture which was completed four months ahead of schedule shows how far R.H. Smart Ltd has come since its early days. The whole idea of the estate has been to get away from the often drab uniformity of council estates. It is in an ideal setting and has a rural feeling about it.

1977 12 08

A big new development of houses for American servicemen is being planned for Newmarket. George Wimpey Ltd is seeking permission to build 227 houses at Studlands Park. A year ago the USAF announced it needed 600 houses and Forest Heath council offered to help find them a site. The council could have the option to buy the houses when the air force did not want them, at the price for which they were built. But the Studlands Park Neighbourhood Council will oppose the scheme. "This was intended to be a private development and self-supporting village in its own right. This would make it into a mini Army base" the chairman said.

1978 01 03

A tornado cut a two-mile swathe through Newmarket. Roofs were ripped off buildings, windows smashed and cars overturned. Every window in the railway station signal box was smashed. Chief Inspector Trevor Hewitt of Newmarket police said: "It's a disaster area. It was just a freak storm and only lasted a couple of minutes. The damage is appalling. Roofs have caved in, windows have been smashed and cars overturned". In Cambridge the wind lifted the roof from a house in King Street.

1978 01 05

The signal box at Newmarket railway station, which was badly damaged in the tornado, has been demolished. In half-an-hour a mechanical digger managed what the freak winds had failed to do – reduce the wooden building to a heap of torn timber. It was right in the path of the tornado which shifted it on its foundations and smashed most of the windows. After the early morning trains had passed through the station the digger set to work tearing the box apart. A temporary hut has been erected and the equipment needed to operate the points and signals installed. It will be used while British Rail decides on the provision of a new one.

1978 01 06

The impact of the tornado which unleashed tremendous energy, sufficient to rip up fully-grown trees along the edge of Newmarket cemetery and fling them about like bowling pins, was almost identical to tornado activity which occurred in May 1950 & caused considerable damage around Sutton and blew over a double-decker bus. Tornado tracks were plotted from near Hemel Hempstead, through Bedford, St Ives, Earith, Sutton, Witcham and Coveney. Cambridgeshire is a good tornado and thunderstorm region. The 50-odd destructive tornadoes in the British Isle from 1868 to 1950 were the most numerous in the eastern lowlands of England.

1978 02 10

A Newmarket restaurant where royalty and racehorse trainers used to eat is now providing bed and breakfast for stablelads and lorry drivers. L'Auberge du Cheval Blanc, in Old Station Road, had a world-wide reputation for its French cuisine. But Mr Robert Petit, one of the two Frenchmen who ran the restaurant for the last five years says: "It's no use being posh if you've got no money". He is continuing to run the restaurant providing bed, breakfast and an evening meal for £4 while his partner has gone back to his old job at the London Hilton. There had been no co-operation from the racing world or local authorities to make Newmarket more attractive to tourists who could have given more business to the restaurant

1978 02 28

Pete Sayers, the local boy made good, will be joining Gwennie Lee and the Len Ebbage Showband at the opening of the Carioca night-club in Cambridge. He is the first in a series of show-business personalities who have been booked to appear at the two-tier club which has been built within the premises of the old Tabernacle buildings in Newmarket Road. It aims to provide 'middle-of-the-road' dancing and discos on the top floor with a full-scale restaurant and cabaret below.

1978 05 15

Newmarket shops have as much to offer as those in Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds. The town's greatest asset was extensive free and convenient parking. This was a considerable attraction for shoppers who knew if they went to Cambridge they would have to pay to park and might have to queue for a space. The future prosperity depended on the new Waitrose supermarket; if this could bring in shoppers it would benefit the other traders in general, even if one or two food stores were forced out of business.

1978 11 13

Four armed men wearing theatrical masks – one an ape and another a clown – made a £30,000 raid on Newmarket post office. One was armed with a sawn-off double-barrelled shotgun, two had pickaxe handles and the other had an iron wrench. They tied up three sorters on duty and broke open

registered mail. Extra police were drafted into the area and cars were stopped and checked on roads leading out of the town.

1978 12 01

Parts of the Newmarket-based Kerridge building group have been sold to Iranian businessmen, who have paid cash for three companies within the group. The deal includes Platonoff and Harris a shopfitting company based in Sturton Street and the former Jack Branch (Waterbeach) site. The jobs of the 600 employees of the principal part of the business, Kerridge Construction Ltd will be safe and the company has lots of work. The firm was set up in Cambridge in 1875 and moved its headquarters to Newmarket in the summer.

1978 12 06

Newmarket has organised a really festive Christmas this year aimed at encouraging shoppers to discover the benefits of friendly, personal service and a wide variety of shops and services. Until a few years ago shoppers needed to be endowed with very quick reflexes to avoid the many heavy lorries that thundered through the town centre. But now after the opening of the bypass motorists can drive easily about and park in one of the many free car parks.

1979 01 22

Thousands of schoolchildren got a surprise day off and others were without the regular meals service as the National Union of Public Employees strike bit hard throughout the county. All Newmarket schools were shut. Dustbins went unemptied and motorists were warned that no road gritting would be done. The striking council manual workers are demanding a shorter working week and a minimum £60-a-week wage.

1979 01 26

Two hundred people employed by Cambridge building firm R.H. Smart have lost their jobs. Work has ceased on the firm's major council housing jobs at King's Hedges, Arbury, where it contracted to build 214 houses and flats and employed 80 people. The firm began in 1960 as a plumbing business; it started on its first council housing contract in 1974 and took over Newmarket builders M. Carrick. Next year it had contracts worth £4 million to build 400 council houses

1979 06 27

There have been two interesting developments of late at Newmarket. One has seen CI Caravans' announcement of a £2 million scheme to build a new factory. The largest manufacturer in its field it is the town's single largest employer with about 600 people. They have been through several difficult years and the prime aim is to secure the future rather than outright expansion. The other is that the Doric Cinema has been sold for use as an entertainment centre and nightclub. It is to be renamed the Newmarket Variety Club. Earlier plans had been for recreational use, a showroom, a warehouse and offices. There are no empty spaces in the town but warehouses and other industrial buildings are likely to be put up when there is demand.

1979 09 18

Thousands of pounds worth of malting barley was destroyed when a huge blaze gutted a storehouse at Dullingham. The maltings next to the railway line are owned by Clark and Butcher, a firm of Soham corn merchants, and leased to a Newmarket firm who said that top quality malting barley had been destroyed that would have been used to make whisky. Firemen had to travel more than a mile to obtain water because a nearby hydrant had dried out but further disaster was averted when they prevented a 1,500-gallon tank full of diesel from exploding. Two pensioners were evacuated from their homes and police set up road blocks when Station Road became impassable.

1979 10 02

Robinson College, the University's £17 million gift from the Newmarket millionaire, Mr David Robinson, was topped out. But the man who made it all possible was not there. He turned down the building contractor's invitation to the celebration and preserved his reputation as a shy, publicity-



shunning benefactor. Professor Jack Lewis, warden of the college and Prof Charles Brink the chairman of trustees were presented with trade union cards before mounting the scaffolding. Then as an overhead skip delivered a load of wet concrete they smoothed down a part of the roof and planted a Union Jack. The work on site stopped whilst dons and workers joined together for pork pies and beers.

1979 11 13

Swynford Paddocks country-house hotel at Six Mile Bottom remains the best in Cambridgeshire according to a new Egon Ronay guide. The inspectors praised their 'huge baths, bubble bath and gigantic bath towels' as well as their 'international food with a homely touch'. The Old Bridge at Huntingdon, Bedford Lodge at Newmarket and Slepe Hall Hotel at St Ives also come in for praise. But restaurants fare worse, this year even the Hotel de la Poste at Swavesey has lost its single star and three have disappeared altogether – the Don Pasquale in Cambridge, Hunters Fen at Cottenham and The Chequers, Fowlmere

1979 11 29

A new mini-roundabout and one-way system designed to reduce traffic jams near Newmarket's clock tower junction has opened for a six-month experimental period. Traffic lights have been replaced and a new one-way system introduced in Exeter Road. "In Cambridge mini-roundabouts have worked extremely well and we hope they will work here" a council official said. At present a traffic warden or policeman is on duty at the junction in the mornings to keep traffic moving. But motorists must take care: there will be a lot of jockeying for positions and they must make clear signals

1979 12 12

The old Doric Cinema at Newmarket has been transformed into a Variety Club. An evening's entertainment, including a four-course meal will cost about £10 per person for a really complete and enjoyable night. On New Years Eve there is a tribute to Elvis, featuring Claudette Newman and the New Jersey Express. Later attractions will include The Searchers, the Rockin' Berries and other bands that have performed all over Europe. Sunday evenings will be a mixture of country and western, jazz and rock and roll

1980 03 14

It has been a remarkable 24 hours for Papworth Hospital; first came the surprise donation of £300,000 from David Robinson, the Newmarket multi-millionaire which assures their heart transplant programme until 1982 and then Government announced another £100,000 to be spent on the operating theatres and other improvements. This makes Papworth the country's only Government-funded heart transplant centre. The news delighted Mr Terence English and his transplant team. 80 03 14

1980 03 14

Multi-millionaire David Robinson gives away money, but little else. His donation to fund heart transplants at Papworth is his second gift to Cambridge after Robinson College. But there could have been a third gift of £3 million for a concert hall. The deal fell through after hard words in 1977. He also withdrew an offer to fund a swimming pool in Newmarket. Today having sold his jet, his Scottish estate and string of racehorses he lives in a modest bungalow. Being mentioned in newspapers dismays Mr Robinson but his sheer acts of generosity have brought him publicity and his name has been immortalised in the title of the college he founded. 80 03 14a

1980 04 19

Nearly £330,000 would have to be spent to save the old railway station at Newmarket. It was built in 1848 and described as 'the most sumptuously baroque station of the early Victorian decades' but it has been empty for 18 years and parts of it are in a dangerous condition. Now a Construction Company wants to demolish it and build 25 houses and 27 flats on the site. A number of amenity groups want the station to be saved but the owner says it would be better to demolish it and preserve part of the façade in a museum. 80 04 19c



1980 09 29

It is fifteen years since Kempton's fashion shop started in Fore Hill, Ely. Now another has opened in the Rookery shopping development at Newmarket. Customers can be sure of good personal service by somebody who knows what the fashion business is about. It will stock the best range of coats in town and will keep up to date with new styles while keeping an eye open for the 'evergreen' popular clothes sought by the woman who remains conservative in her choice. 80 09 29a

1980 11 12

The Newmarket Variety Club opened last December in a blaze of publicity promising a feast of top-class entertainment but closed five weeks later for extensive alterations and by the end of March was insolvent with debts of £170,000. It has now been sold by auction for £73,000. Also under the hammer was the town's old public library in Fitzroy Street. It was bought for £17,500 by a property developer who said he had never stepped inside it but thought it was cheap. 80 11 12e

1980 11 21

Children at Newmarket Upper School now have two cafeterias with a wide menu which reads like a Wimpy bar. Gone are overcooked vegetables and stolid shepherd's pie. Now there is a choice of beefburgers, filled rolls, curry and rice, chips, baked potatoes and salads. And to follow there is jam and cream scones, chocolate crunch and fresh fruit. It has doubled the amount of children paying for school food, though some do fill their plates with chips. 80 11 21

1980 12 15

Newmarket station can be demolished – 80 12 15

1981 05 29

Newmarket millionaire David Robinson today announced he had given an extra £1 million to the college he founded. The news came shortly before the Queen and Prince Philip arrived in Cambridge to formally open it. But Mr Robinson did not attend the ceremony as he did not feel up to it. He is very frail. But 2,500 employees of the Cambridge University Press took tea with the Queen after she opened their new Edinburgh Building. 81 05 29, 30

1981 09 02

One of Newmarket's landmarks, a chimney at the old refuse incinerator plant in Exning Road is to be demolished. It is 50 years old and has deteriorated badly; repairs would cost £2,470 and the cost of pulling it down £3,000. The rubble could be used to build a lorry park nearby. 81 09 02

1981 09 09

Workmen restoring the steeple of St Mary's church, Newmarket, have discovered a note lodged near the top which was left last time major repairs were carried out – 87 years ago. It is signed by one of the workmen who repaired the steeple in 1894 and has the names of the churchwarden and rector. The present work includes replacing the oak cladding to the 700-year-old steeple with new cedar panels. 81 09 09b

1981 09 12

Tattersalls, Europe's leading bloodstock auctioneers will unveil a new £500,000 development at their Newmarket headquarters. In keeping with the Georgian architecture of the Orangery restaurant they have added exact replica buildings housing a large room for bar and buffet together with offices for transport companies and their own sales staff. This month's sales offer some good quality yearlings though the record price of 625,000 guineas is unlikely to be beaten. 81 09 12

1981 10 01

'Kojak' – screen tough guy Telly Savalas - breezed into Newmarket intent on buying a horse. But the lollipop-sucking star left Tattersalls empty-handed. Before he was whisked away for his first taste of racing at the Rowley Mill course he said 'We were looking for a rockbottom horse, but the sky's the limit on quality'. 81 10 01

1981 10 15

The cellar of a rambling Victorian building in Newmarket, used to provide shelter for homeless families, has been converted into an emergency centre to cope with nuclear attack where a team of officials will direct survival operations if war breaks out. But spending cuts mean it has no sophisticated air filtration and drainage systems and is only lined with plasterboard. It was chosen because the council officers were too close to USAF bases at Mildenhall and Lakenheath. 81 10 15

1981 11 05

Newmarket Cabaret Club has found the right recipe for success. People pay an inclusive charge which entitles them to a three-course meal including gammon, chicken or scampi for around £10 for the whole evening. There is a resident band and compere and a top-of-the-bill show with stars such as The Tremeloes, Diane Solomon, Danny Williams, Cannon and Ball and The Searchers. 81 11 05b

1981 12 08

Newmarket history went under the hammer when the contents of one of the town's gentlemen's club were auctioned. The 200-year-old Subscription Rooms Club closed because of falling membership and the Jockey Club received the contents in lieu of payment for deterioration. The premises are now likely to become the home of a national racing museum. 81 12 08

1982 02 06

A second burial site thought to contain anthrax-infected carcasses is a stone's throw away from a school for severely-handicapped children says a man who worked at the Milton Road Institute of Animal Pathology during the war. He remembers tight securing precautions after heifers from Newmarket were found to have the disease and buried by council workmen. 82 02 06

1982 03 08

Newmarket 'country' singer, Pete Sayers, has just finishing filming a new BBC 2 series while his first will be repeated on BBC 1. He has also recently released a new album which shows his versatility as a multi-instrumentalist. Pete has introduced a number of 'characters' to his act including a rhinestone cowboy 'The Phoenix Phantom', and a Suffolk 'yokel', Dennis, who has taken many an audience by surprise by his earthy humour. 82 03 08

1982 04 20

Newmarket Library is the first in the area to run a video lending library with 200 cassettes on offer at £1.95 per night. But Andrew McCulloch of Arbury Court who rents 1,000 films says although people have now got a video, or a thinking of getting, one business is not booming. An advertiser in the News offers 'adult' films for sale at £30, sent out in plain cardboard boxes. 82 04 20b

1982 -6 10

Newmarket millionaire David Robinson has given church authorities just seven weeks to come up with plans to convert Cambridge's St Andrew's Church into an old people's centre, or risk losing a £1/2 million windfall. The future of the church, threatened with redundancy for the past 10 years because of falling congregations, has long been the subject of debate. Previous plans have included conversion into an electronics laboratory, language school or a mosque. 82 06 10

1982 06 19

A plush, ultra-modern custom-built stable being constructed in Newmarket for Middle Eastern millionaire Mahmoud Foustok will consist of 40 boxes plus a riding school and staff housing. It represents the third arm of an empire that stretches from Chantilly north of Paris to Kentucky USA. 82 06 19b

1982 10 14

The Papworth Hospital transplant programme, which was due to run out of cash by the end of the year, has been rescued by a special Government grant. This, given at a time of severe cash cuts in the

health service, reflects the importance attached to the programme by DHSS officials. Since January it has been paid for by a £300,000 gift from Newmarket millionaire, David Robinson. 82 10 14

1983 01 20

Railway stations at Cambridge, Ely, Newmarket, Audley End, Stansted and Royston could be closed if a Government plan is accepted. Even the electrified Hitchin to Royston line would be abandoned, leaving only the London to Norwich line in East Anglia. Bus services would be provided instead. By cutting BR to the prime Inter-City routes it would be possible to produce an annual profit of £34 million for a 'commercially viable railway'. 83 01 20

1983 01 25

'Cinderella services' – the old, mentally handicapped and mentally ill - are to be boosted following a major change in health care priorities. Wards and clinics at Fulbourn and Ida Darwin Hospitals are to be given a face-lift and the new Hinchingsbrooke Hospital reorganised to cope with increased numbers of elderly mentally-ill patients. Chesterton, Brookfields and Ely Tower Hospital will also benefit and Newmarket will get new sanitary facilities. 83 01 25

1983 03 20

400 fans packed into Newmarket Cabaret Club for the final of the News Search for a Star competition. Ambitious showband 'CID' won first place with a spectacular set that amounted to a miniature concert. Second place went to 'Robonic', three teenagers from USAF bases at Lakenheath and Mildenhall and in third came Freddie Robinson whose zany act, combining singing and acrobatic dancing, plus a little juggling on the side, delighted the audience. 83 03 20 p9

1983 04 30

Thousands of people crowded into Newmarket high street when the Queen opened the new National Horseracing Museum. Police tried in vain to hold them back as they surged round her Rover saloon and security men cleared a path for her to the entrance of the former Subscription Rooms Club. Afterwards she drove to the racecourse to watch the 2,000 Guineas meeting. 83 04 30 p1

1983 05 19

The only predictable thing about the weather is that it is unpredictable. Last month was the wettest April since 1975, but the April before that was the driest in 50 years. In January 1978 there was a tornado at Newmarket, in June 1970 3.26 inches of rain fell in two hours and ten days later terrific hailstones damaged market gardens. But 26th June 1976 registered a scorching 98 degrees F. 83 05 19 p20

1983 08 31

Caravans International has launched its first new range since it was revived in February. Two new models, the Esprit and the Cosmos have been added to the existing Sprite, Eccles and Europe range. CI was holding nearly a third of the British market at the end of the 1970s but collapsed because of the recession in caravan sales. The firm employs more than 200 people at Newmarket. 83 08 31 p5

1983 09 16

The railways could be on the brink of another Beeching. Under the British Rail five year plan they want to introduce single-line track in places along the Ely-King's Lynn system, reduce the East Coast main line from four to three tracks between Huntingdon and Peterborough and make the Cambridge to Newmarket line a single track. They also hope to extend the electrification of the Royston line. 83 09 16 p1

1984 12 31

Multi-millionaire David Robinson, who snubbed the Queen when she opened Robinson College – founded with a £17 million donation - has been awarded a knighthood in the New Years Honours List. It is in recognition of his charitable work over the years. Now he is expected to come out of hiding to attend his investiture and receive his award personally from the Queen. The only question

is whether the elderly and infirm recluse is well enough to leave his Newmarket bungalow to attend the royal occasion. 84 12 31

1985 01 07

Cutlack, the Ely-based hardware merchants, are to close their shop in Burleigh Street, Cambridge. It follows a period of poor trading for shops in the street. They planned the business around the creation of the Grafton Centre but pedestrianisation has not helped in any way and their Newmarket shop does two-and-a-half times more business than the Cambridge one. The site will now be redeveloped with extra shop frontage and improved access to the three floors of office space on the site 85 01 07a

1985 01 17

Ted Hubbard from Newmarket is one of a team erecting crash barriers along the central reservation of the A604 from Bar Hill to the M11. The current sub-zero temperatures are playing havoc with an £8,000 'hammer' which drives wooden posts into the hardened grounds. Nut and bolts are frozen together and everything is covered with ice and snow. Lorries roar past sending a shower of icy sludge over the men as they battle gamely against the elements. But he has been doing the job for 14 years and is used to these sort of conditions. The work is expected to be completed within a month 85 01 17b

1985 02 07

First-time buyers who are not deterred by soaring interest rates have another problem – the shortage of low-priced properties in Cambridge. One city estate agent only has five or six houses a week on his books in the £25-£30,000 price range with ten couples interested in every house even though a two-bedroomed terrace home costs about £32,000 while a similar property in Huddersfield sells for £6,000. Many people end up buying in Newmarket. One hopeful buyer with £20,000 to spend on a country cottage that needs modernising has visited 115 properties in the last year without success. 85 02 07a

1985 02 12

When Tom and Audrey Chipper arrived to take over the running of the Baptist church in the quiet fenland village of Isleham in 1972 they had no idea of the dramatic changes that lay ahead. They became Born Again Christians and since then the church has grown beyond recognition: the Sunday congregation is now around 350 and has formed a daughter church in Newmarket with a membership of 100. The church practices healing with praying, laying on of hands and anointing with oil. Four people have gone abroad to take up missionary work in Uganda, Nigeria and Pakistan. 85 02 12a

1985 04 22

A repairs blitz is being launched on thousands of miles of potholed roads around Haverhill and Newmarket following many complaints and claims for compensation for damage from motorists and cyclists. A 'truly formidable' number of potholes have been identified and 'flying squads' of workers will repair the worse of the damage within six weeks before they become any worse. 85 04 22

1985 05 28

Lonnie Donegan at Newmarket – 85 05 28a

1985 07 05

Lester Piggott, at the age of 50, has decided to call it a day after a career spanning 38 years and take up training. He built Eve Lodge stables next to his luxury bungalow in Hamilton Road Newmarket 13 years ago. It has 130 boxes, many of which will be filled by horses belonging to some of racing's richest owners. The racing world will never be quite the same without the man who, since booting home his first winner at Haydock in 1948 at the age of 12, has gone on to dominate the Classic scene. 85 07 05b

1985 08 09

A pilot and navigator scrambled away unscathed when their Canberra jet on take-off and caught fire at RAF Alconbury. The photo-reconnaissance plane had switched to the airfield while improvements are carried out at Wyton. Twenty-nine people have died in military manoeuvres over East Anglia in the last nine years. A Canberra practicing a simulated engine failure crashed near a row of houses on the Oxmore Estate, Huntingdon in May 1977. Then in December an American F1-11 narrowly missed a school when it plunged into a housing estate at Newmarket. 85 08 09

1985 09 12

Householders in Newmarket and Exning will keep the new wheeled dustbins they have been trying as part of a six-month experiment. The bins were issued to 5,000 homes on a free trial paid for by the manufacturer. Now the bins will be introduced throughout the Forest Heath District to replace a 'back door' rubbish collection using plastic sacks. Fewer dustmen will be needed and the system will save money. 85 09 12

1985 10 16

RAF Newmarket & Snailwell – history 85 10 16 & a

1985 11 14

Palace House Mansion Newmarket was established by Charles II in the 17th century with – reputedly – a secret tunnel linking it with Nell Gwyn's house in Palace Street. It was subsequently used by George IV and royal dukes but in 1850 the stable was sold on the instructions of Queen Victoria and demolished apart from the Outer Yard. The Mansion, which faces its stables and training yards across Palace Street, was acquired by the Rothschild family around 1876. It has now been put on the market for over £1m. 85 11 14a

1986 03 12

A family firm of bakers and confectioners, John E Wright and Son, has made a remarkable recovery. In August 1984 fire swept through their four-year-old bakery off Haddenham High Street causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. They had 30 wholesale customers they could just not supply and thought of giving up. But the bakery was ready for operation again after only eight weeks and their most recent shop in Newmarket, which includes a coffee and snack bar, opened in November 86 03 12 & a

1986 03 25

Gale force winds continued to wreak havoc last night. At Wandlebury 75 trees were felled and frightened staff fled a Milton Science Park building as the winds ripped part of the roof off. At Littleport a caravan was smashed to pieces while others were blown over at the CT Caravans factory Newmarket. The wind also destroyed a large greenhouse in Fen Drayton and people living in Bures Court Haverhill had to be rehoused when a large crack appeared in the gable wall 86 03 25

1986 04 03

The Queen Mother visited Newmarket's National Horseracing Museum. Her helicopter landed at the racecourse and a crowd of 300 had gathered by the time her car pulled up in the High Street. Inside she impressed officials with her knowledge of sporting art displayed in the new gallery that she opened. Her Majesty also viewed an exhibition commemorating the legendary jockey Fred Archer. After lunch at the Jockey Club she smiled and waved at the crowd who braved threatening storm clouds to catch a glimpse of her 86 04 03a

1986 04 22

Cherry Hinton has a new health food and delicatessen shop. Peppercorns is stocked with all manner of rare and unusual foods with a range of Mexican, Chinese and Indian specialities. But one of the biggest sellers are the Newmarket sausages made to a traditional recipe at the Pork Shop. They also want to encourage local people to make jams, quiches and tarts that can be sold in the shop 86 04 22a



1986 09 02

One of Newmarket's landmarks is to be pulled down. The 100-feet-high chimney at the old refuse incinerator plant, believed to be at least 50 years old, has deteriorated rapidly and the brickwork would become dangerous if left unattended. The cost of repairs would be £2,470 and demolition £3,000. The rubble from the chimney, which has not been used since about 1950, may be used to build a lorry park nearby. 86 09 02

1986 09 12

Tattersalls unveiled a new development at their Newmarket headquarters. The firm, whose history goes back to 1745, has added to its already impressive premises in an effort to provide the best facilities in the world. In keeping with the Georgian architecture of the Orangery restaurant they have constructed a replica building housing a bar and buffet together with offices for transport companies and their own sales staff. Closed-circuit television gives up-to-the-minute information on horses being auctioned – 86 09 12

1986 10 01

Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum has bought Derisley Wood Stud, Newmarket for well over £4m. He already owns the Dalham Hall and Rutland studs. Sheikh Mohammed is one of four brothers of the fabulously-wealthy royal rulers of the oil-rich state of Dubai. They own around 500 racehorses in training in England and on the opening day of Tattersalls sales spent £3m on another 20 horses. 86 10 01a

1987 01 12

Sir David Robinson, who had a flair for making money, shied away from publicity. He became Mid-Anglia's best-known philanthropist but lived in seclusion at his home in Newmarket. Sir David was the third son of Herbert Robinson's nine children and joined his father after leaving school. In 1930 he broke away from the family business and expanded into radio, electrical and cycle retailing. Business really took off in 1954 when he set up Robinson Rentals tv business; by 1966 it was employing 1,500 people. He retired to concentrate on horse racing. He later gave away millions. 87 01 12a & b

1987 01 21

Two supermarket giants could be involved in a race to build a new store in Newmarket. Tesco has applied for planning permission on Fordham Road less than 400 yards from a site where the Co-op wants a similar development. Tesco says it would replace their existing premises in Hammond Close and would be half the size of their Bar Hill superstore. The companies have submitted planning applications but there is unlikely to be sufficient shopping demand to justify them both. Three years ago the council rejected a plan for a supermarket, garden centre and DIY store in Fordham Road and also refused a Co-op supermarket on the Studlands Park Industrial Estate 87 01 21a

1987 02 13

If you are old enough to remember enthusiastic musicians who took to the stage with washboards, banjos and not much money, you will recall a star of yesteryear. Lonnie Donegan will appear at the Corn Exchange alongside Cambridge singer-songwriter Steve Somers who is a member of the famous skiffler's new eight-man band. The 'Father of Skiffle' has teamed up with jazz veteran Monty Sunshine to form Donegan's Dancing Sunshine Band and will make one of his first comeback concerts just two years after his last appearance at Newmarket Cabaret Club 87 02 13a

1987 02 23

Two Newmarket families had a miracle escape when a blazing American jet crashed just a few feet from their home. The F-111 plane plummeted into the garden of a house at Clarehaven Stables in Bury Road. Wreckage was scattered over the garden and holes were made in the house roof. But miraculously no one inside was hurt. The plane's two crew members were blasted clear by their ejector seats and were treated by a team from the Magpas 'flying doctor' service. 87 02 23



1987 02 23

The F-111 jet crash at Newmarket is the latest in a string of accidents. Two months ago two RAF Tornados plummeted into the countryside, one close to Peterborough and the other just missed a Norfolk school. In 1985 a Canberra exploded into flames when it smashed into fields near Alconbury. In 1981 an F-111 crashed while approaching Lakenheath and another rocked houses at Harlton when it hit the ground with practice bombs aboard. In December 1977 a fighter came down a few hundred yards from a Newmarket school sparking a major scare as police feared one of the plane's bombs could have gone off 87 02 23a

1987 03 14

Barrett's China and Glass shop in St Mary's Street is to close after 200 years in Cambridge with the business transferred to Newmarket. The owner says that the appalling parking problems are one factor for the move. In January a city centre gift shop and a doctor's surgery both moved out for the same reason. The Parsley Pot shop in Lion Yard has also closed. The Managing Director of Eaden Lilley has warned the parking crisis in traffic-choked Cambridge could only get worse. 87 03 14

1987 03 28

Gale-lashed Cambridgeshire is counting the cost of 70 mph winds that caused damage and destruction. A roof was torn off a pig farm building in Molesworth, two children were injured at Godmanchester when they were hit by a falling tree and a wall collapsed on three cars at St Eligius Street in Cambridge. Some 20 cars and lorries were bowled over by the wind and four buses overturned. Two lorries collided after being blown together on the A45 near Eltisley, a furniture van was blown off the A10 on the Norfolk border and passengers in a Mini had a narrow escape when it was struck by a falling tree in Fordham Road, Newmarket 87 03 28a

1987 05 01

The £3.5 redevelopment at Newmarket's Rowley Mile racecourse was officially opened by Lord Fairhaven, the Jockey Club Senior Steward, on the opening day of the Guineas meeting. It is the first phase of a programme which will transform the whole racecourse over the next 12-15 years. At a separate ceremony a statue of the world-famous stallion, Mill Reef, was presented to the National Horseracing Museum. The bronze, sculptured by renowned artist John Skeaping was unveiled by Paul Mellon, the horse's owner. 87 05 01

1987 07 02

Newmarket Carriage Company transforms heaps of decaying timber into beautifully-restored horse-drawn wagons. At present they are working on a horse-drawn Bristol farm wagon which has spent the last 50 years decomposing in a field in Lincolnshire. After a year's hard graft it will emerge from the workshop in better condition than it was when originally built a century ago. Customers include travellers, farmers and companies that use horse-drawn vehicles for advertising. The only job they do not tackle are major restorations of wheels which is left to a specialist company. 87 07 02a

1987 08 05

Newmarket tycoon Sir David Robinson gave away millions during his reclusive life. But details of his will show the self-made multi-millionaire intended his legendary philanthropic reputation to survive him and last year he formed the Robinson Charitable Trust. After leaving Cambridge and County School he joined his father in the family cycle shop and in 1954 set up the Robinson Rentals television business. He founded Robinson College with a gift of £18 million and also gave a £3 million contribution towards the Rosie Maternity Hospital which was named after his mother. 87 08 05

1987 09 22

Millions of television viewers saw Newmarket stable girl Alison Dean weep tears of joy as she led 'Herbie the Derby winner' – better known to the world as Reference Point – to the winner's enclosure. She has been with six-times champion trainer Henry Cecil for almost 10 years and says girls look after horses differently. Trainer Michael Stout only employs girls to look after fillies

because they have more patience. But they don't look after colts: they are stronger and need firmer handling. And "Sometimes they can be 'colty' "(racing-speak for becoming sexually excited), one girl explained. 87 09 22a

1987 10 16

Overnight gales and torrential rain devastated the region with winds of more than 100 mph. The atrocious weather disrupted rail and bus services, trees were uprooted, one falling on the roof of a bungalow in Duchess Drive, Newmarket while Wandlebury Woods was devastated with more than 200 trees blown down. Saffron Walden High School had to close after windows were smashed. Power supplies were disrupted causing chaos at pumping stations and Byron's Pool has been placed on red alert as the threat of serious flooding increased. 87 10 16 & a

1988 01 07

Newmarket 1914-19 – new book – 88 01 07d

1966 05 06

Granta Radio is one consortium wanting to run a new commercial radio station. It includes the Unex Group and Newmarket entertainer Pete Sayers who know the area. CN.FM is backed by Cambridge Newspapers, Hereward Radio, Trinity and Jesus colleges. They would provide a high standard of service and provide an acceptable return to investors. Cambridge Radio would have high-quality talks with an evening slot for students while the Cambridge & Newmarket Broadcasting Company would be popular and entertaining yet informed on, concerned with and involved with the area. 88 05 06b

1988 05 13

The new Girl Guides' Jarman Centre off Duchess Drive, Newmarket was started with a legacy from Miss Marjory Jarman, a lifelong supporter of the movement who died in 1981. As well as four dormitories there is a meeting room, kitchen, showers and wash rooms alongside a drying room for wet clothes – essential for outdoor activities. There is also a sitting room for adults intended for members of the Trefoil Guild. By the time it is officially opened in October, hundreds of youngsters will have stayed there and already plans are in hand for a second campsite 88 05 13a

1988 06 08

Princess Diana visited Papworth and Newmarket hospitals 88 06 07b, 88 06 08

1988 06 27

Newmarket Co-op Living store fire investigated as arson – 88 06 27

1988 09 02

Newmarket Cabaret Club started life as a concert hall then became a cinema and finally a cabaret club in 198. Now it is reopening after a refurbishment which has completely updated its image. It has new sound and lighting systems incorporating the latest technology, redecorated auditorium and modernised kitchens. TV personality Gary Wilmot, Freddie & the Dreamers, comedians Hale & Pace and Eastenders' star Mike Reid are booked to appear. 88 09 02

1988 10 19

Jane Webb is a name well-known in Newmarket for large, elegantly-stocked dress shops. She started as a child, helping her parents on a menswear stall and, aged 13, ran a tiny dress shop in Sun Street with her mother. Ten years ago she moved into the derelict gas showrooms and stocked upmarket clothes. Now she also has a large shop in Sussex Street Cambridge and employs a staff of 40. This autumn she has flown to fashion fairs around Europe and makes weekly buying trips to London 88 10 19

1988 10 23

The new Tesco superstore at Newmarket, twice the size of that in Hammond Close, provides more than 200 full and part-time jobs. In Cambridge the giant new Co-op Beehive development is double

the size of the old one, creating 180 new jobs. It has a crèche, a larger area devoted to fresh fish and a checkout scanner service. An enlarged petrol station will open soon offering the cheapest petrol in town. Meanwhile in Milton a new Stop Shop convenience store will provide the community with day-to-day needs and a video library. 88 10 20a 88 10 24, 88 10 25 & a

1988 11 01

The Bishop of Ely blessed the Girl Guides' new £250,000 outdoor centre at Newmarket. It commemorates a lifelong Guide supporter, Miss Marjorie Jarman whose bequest started the project. The rest of the cash has been collected by fund-raising efforts by Guides and Brownies with local council grants. It is open to any branch of the Guide and Scout movement and also being offered to schools. As well as the building there is a camp site on the six-acre woodland site off Duchess Drive, Newmarket 88 11 01a

1988 12 14

The last of several thousand trees on Jockey Club land at Newmarket which were damaged in last year's gales, has been felled. The trees were about 150 years old and had reputedly been planted by French prisoners from the Napoleonic wars. Much of the high-grade timber was sold to furniture companies while several hundred tons of lower grade wood went to North Wales pulp mills. Now the area has been cleared ready for planting with young saplings 88 12 14

1989 05 11

Labgear Cablevision, the television communications equipment company. It makes good profits but its business in the area of satellite dishes, aerials and cable TV distribution systems does not fit into CEI's new strategic plans. It employs 125 people on the Cambridgeshire Business Park at Ely with 100 more at its main base at Abbey Walk, a site being considered for redevelopment for housing. It is one of three that Cambridge Electronic Industries plan to sell, leaving Cathodeon Crystals at Nuffield Road, Newmarket Microsystems, PED & Varelco at Newmarket in the local area. Cambridge Interconnection Technology, which used to be on the Cambridge Science Park has moved to Scotland 89 05 11

1989 06 22

Warren Towers, a late-Victorian mansion overlooking Newmarket Heath, has been sold for more than £1 million to a Middle-Eastern buyer who wants to retain it in residential use. The Tudor-style building with its long sweeping drive has been ravaged by hippies and is in need of restoration. It was once home to Maud, Countess Fitzwilliam who occupied the house in some style and held parties for local children. But when she left it fell into disrepair. It has a grand staircase lit by enormous ceiling lights, eight main and six secondary bedrooms, a former squash court, Turkish baths, ruined orangery and nine bathrooms 89 06 22

1989 09 01

Steve Somers has a passion for country and western music. He won the 'New Faces' and was due to appear at the Palladium; but he was on holiday and could not be found. He joined the Settlers and toured the world, then played with the Peter Sayers Travelling Show at Newmarket. Nick Barraclough gave him a ten-minute slot on Radio Cambridgeshire which has developed into his two-hour programme 89 09 01

1989 10 23

Secret plans to downgrade Newmarket Hospital have sparked fury amongst doctors and patients. They had been expecting the hospital to be enlarged but now most of its acute work may be moved to Bury or Addenbrooke's Hospitals. The Health Authority says they had difficulties recruiting doctors and it was too small to give learners the full range of experience. The hospital would continue as a community hospital for the elderly and mentally ill together with an out-patients department. 89 10 23

1989 11 20

More than 8,000 protestors took to the streets of Newmarket in a bid to save their hospital. Its downgrading into a community hospital would create unacceptable problems for Addenbrooke's and West Suffolk Hospitals, they say. And the biggest public demonstration to be held in the town may pay off, because a last-minute plan could solve the problem, West Suffolk MP Sir Eldon Griffiths told parents, children and hospital staff who crammed into Tattersall's sales ground. 89 11 20

1989 12 14

Newmarket Heath wartime raid by 999 Squadron commemorated – 89 12 14a, b

1989 12 28

Newmarket enters the next decade facing three major issues which could affect its future. The prospect of an overspill township on its doorstep, the threat to the town's hospital and Cambridgeshire's bid to take the Suffolk town into its own county boundary. The past decade has seen their horse population increase at a faster rate than humans. New stables are being built with much of the investment coming from super-rich Middle Eastern racehorse investors 89 12 28

1990 01 08

Cambridge Electronic Industries was initially comprised of companies that did not fit into the Philips group. Today nearly half have been sold or have merged. Casualties include Pye RF Systems which sold equipment for the rapid drying of printed work, Cathodeon Crystals which merged with Newmarket Microsystems and Labgear Cablevision which has been sold to a Finnish company. But they have acquired seven American companies and exports represent half of CEI's total business – 90 01 08a

1990 02 23

H.C. Moss, the building company, was started by Cliff Moss in 1962 with two employees; now it has 150 based at Cottenham, to which it moved in 1977. Much of their workload is construction projects of which the majority is housing estates. It also specialises in the renovation and conversion of period buildings into flats and apartments. One such project is the Riverside Mill at Godmanchester. Now they are working on a Maltings renovation at King's Lynn with an indoor waterfall and 19 luxury flats opposite Tattersalls in Newmarket. – 90 02 23b, c

1990 03 06

Cambridge Polo Club wants to use 35 acres of farmland at Dullingham for a new ground. There are lots of people who have to travel long distances to play, some Newmarket racing trainers were considering forming a team and the Varsity match would be played there. It was hoped Prince Charles would take part in an 'Old Blues' match – 90 03 06a

1990 10 01

Newmarket Hospital plans for redevelopment rejected – 90 10 01a